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Police kill dog as officer is badly bitten in drug bust

CRIME

Pitbull-type pet latched on to arm during morning raid

Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

Calgary police shot and killed a pitbull-type dog that had latched onto an officer's arm during a drug bust in southwest Calgary this morning.

Police arrested three people and seized two children after executing warrants Wednesday morning in opposite ends of the city that netted cocaine, marijuana and a substantial amount of cash.

The incident with the dog happened while police were executing the first of two warrants in the 2300 block of 19th Street S.W.

A pitbull-type dog inside the home lunged and then latched on to the left arm of a tactical team member.

Deputy police chief Ray Robitaille said the owner of the dog did not order the animal to attack, but rather it did so on its own as police forced their way into the home.

"Time was of the essence and lethal force was the only option available at that time to immediately have that dog released," said Robitaille.

An officer was bitten by a dog as police raided this house on 19th Street S.W. Wednesday. Deputy police chief Ray Robitaille, inset, said police needed to use lethal force. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

The injured officer was taken to hospital and was treated for a serious bite to his arm. The officer needed upwards of a dozen stitches to close the wound.

Two people who were at home at the time of the warrant have been arrested and charges are pending.

A neighbour who lives near the home saw the commotion around 9:30 Wednesday morning.

"I heard three very loud sounds. I looked out and the whole neighbourhood was surrounded by police — maybe 18. It looked like a swat team," they said.

The neighbour said the first two bangs were police breaking down the door, and they suspect the third was the gunshot.

> **Typically, most dogs will be quite passive.**
> Deputy police chief Ray Robitaille

They had lived in the neighbourhood for about a month, according to the neighbour.

Robitaille said they had been staking out the house for several weeks and had not seen the animal leave the home, so they had no indication it would be there.

"Typically, whenever we run into dogs at a search warrant — most will be quite passive — even breeds that would traditionally be viewed as aggressive. It is highly unusual that a dog would attack an officer," he said.

The investigation started as a tip from the public and resulted in a three-week probe into a dial-a-dope operation. Drugs and large quantities of cash have been seized, however, exact amounts are currently being determined.

A second and connected warrant was executed by tactical team members without incident in the 200 block of Coral Springs Circle NE.

Three people — a woman and two children — were at home at the time. Several pitbull-type dogs were also located at that residence.

Police arrested the woman and took the children to a safe location. They released the woman without charges later Wednesday afternoon and returned the children to her custody.

A third man who was not home when police executed the search warrant turned himself in to police.

PROVINCIAL ECONOMY

Deficit climbs to $6.4B

The Alberta government's deficit hit $6.4 billion by the end of the fiscal year — $324 million, or 5 per cent, more than what was forecast in the October 2015 budget.

The government said the $324-million difference is directly due to a $1.3 billion decline in revenue.

However, actual expenses were $1 billion lower than what the government expected, while "much-needed services and programs — including health care and education — were stabilized throughout the province," the government added.

In a prepared statement, Finance Minister Joe Ceci said the NDP chose to maintain public services.

"Rather than firing more people and making reckless cuts, our province is now able to finish the year positioned to weather the current economic realities," Ceci said. METRO

IN NUMBERS

Total revenue: $42.5 billion, a $7-billion drop from 2014-15
Total tax revenue: $20.7 billion, a $716-million decrease from 2014-15
Average oil price: $45 US per barrel, about $5 below the budget estimate
Net assets: $48.5 billion
Economic employment: Employment grew by 1.2 per cent in 2015

LABOUR NEGOTIATIONS

Teachers get new contracts

The Calgary Board of Education has come to terms with its staff association on a two-year deal that includes a wage freeze for the first year.

The contract, which expires at the end of August 2017 and is retroactive to September 2015, will have no wage increase in the first year, according to a release from the CBE. The second year of the contract could still be open to negotiation on further compensation.

The CBE Staff Association represents roughly 7,000 members, and includes dozens of different administrative and classroom support positions. METRO

SEX ASSAULT

Police ask public for assistance

Calgary police are seeking public tips in the investigation of a sexual assault in Riley Park in the city's northwest last weekend.

Between 11 p.m. on Sunday, June 26, 2016, and 1 a.m. on Monday, June 27, 2016, police said, a woman was approached from behind by an unknown man who assaulted her, pushed her to the ground and then sexually assaulted her.

The victim has described the attacker as a heavy-set man standing between six-foot and six-foot-two tall. He was wearing dark clothing.

Anyone with information about the case should call the non-emergency line at 403-266-1234, or Crime Stoppers anonymously. METRO

Plebiscite proposed on secondary suites

CITY HALL

Coun. Andre Chabot wants the public to decide

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

To suite or not to suite, that might be the question.

As council gets ready to debate Coun. Shane Keating's notice of motion on a secondary suite regulation overhaul, another councillor is looking to get his skin in the game with a "complementary" motion: plebiscite.

Coun. Andre Chabot has long been against a blanketed legalization approach, and has stated in the past that current rules around secondary suites are working.

But he wants to take his position to the next level with a notice of motion coming before council on Monday to get a plebiscite added to the 2017 municipal election ballot. The specific question is yet to be determined.

According to Chabot, this is the ideal way to gather data on how Calgarians really feel about their R-1 and RC-1 designations, or lack thereof.

"It's to gather information about where there's support, and where there isn't support for secondary suites in different areas of the city," said Chabot. "It would be kind of like a Stage One, of a multi-stage approach."

He said if the plebiscite determines there are areas in the city that support suites the city could use the same process they have for restrictive parking zones where you need 66 per cent of the block to approve before moving forward.

On Monday, council will debate the latest in the secondary-suite saga, courtesy of a notice of motion from Coun. Andre Chabot. METRO FILE

Unlike Keating's suggested zones for legalizing secondary suites, and adding them as discretionary, Chabot said his approach would be an educated way to see where the appetite is for suites in certain areas. This would be a middle ground between blanket approvals, and what Chabot called the "one-off" approval they do today.

"I think it's complementary to Shane Keating's motion, where he included a recommendation to do stakeholder consultation," said Chabot.

> **It's to gather information about where there's support, and where there isn't support for secondary suites in different areas of the city.** Coun. Andre Chabot

In the past, councillors like Sean Chu have suggested a plebiscite to no avail. He told Metro Coun. Shane Keating's notice of motion to reform secondary suite rules was the "next best thing."

"People respect democracy, people respect the vote," said Chu. He's still not sure there's an appetite for councillors to go the plebiscite route. "I'll most likely be supportive of this."

CRIME

Politician charged over child porn

A former candidate for the Alberta Party's top job is one of 10 men police have arrested in a child sexual exploitation case.

Troy Millington, 45, was the sole opponent to eventual winner Greg Clark in the party's September 2013 leadership race. Millington also ran unsuccessfully in an Alberta by-election in 2014.

Police say those arrested face charges of possession of child pornography, accessing child pornography and making available child pornography.

The charges were the result of an eight-month investigation by the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team. It is made up of more than 300 municipal police and RCMP officers who work together on drug trafficking, child exploitation and gang violence cases.

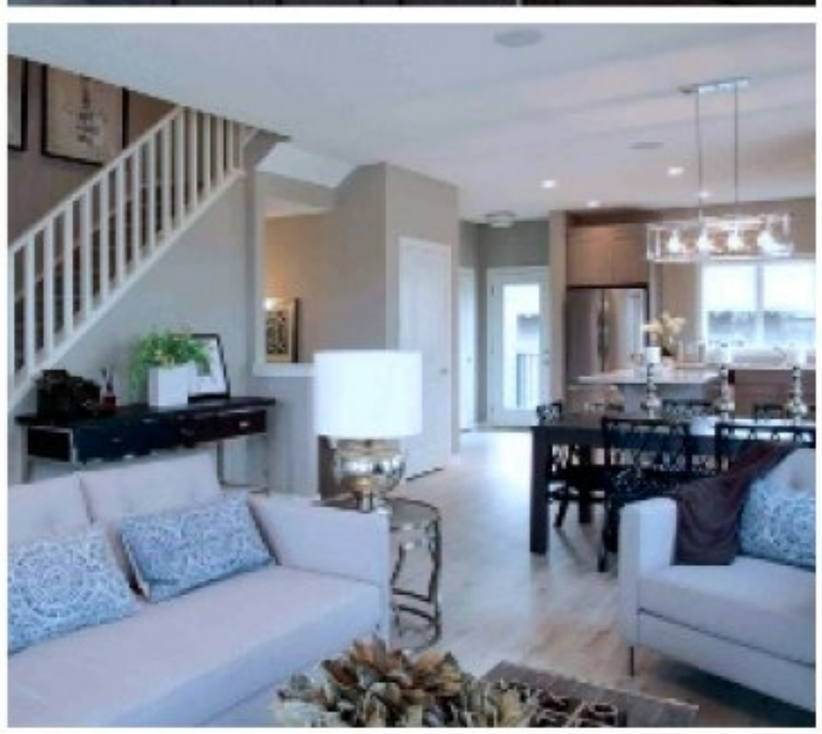
"Every day thousands of child sexual abuse images and videos are being traded, viewed, downloaded all across the province," Det. Justin Brookes said Wednesday.

"Simply put, we cannot arrest everyone at once. (We) … targeted the suspects with the largest collections and some of the most graphic content."

None of the victims is believed to be from Alberta and none of the offences is believed to have taken place in the province

Investigators executed 30 search warrants across southern Alberta and seized 285 computers, mobile devices and storage drives. Police say about half the devices were analyzed and almost 50,000 child sexual exploitation images were identified.

"Some of the victims in the images and the videos are estimated to be as young as six months and depict extreme sexual violence," said Brookes. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Erin Woods to curb speeding vehicles

SAFETY

City launching two-year pilot program to narrow roads

Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

Speed demons in Erin Woods will soon have to contend with narrower streets as the city prepares traffic calming measures in the southeast community.

Caylie Krintila has seen a lot of speeding past her home, and said her driver's side rear view mirror was recently smashed by someone speeding past.

Krintila has a one-year-old daughter, and she would like to see something done to curb the speed.

"I don't really have to worry so much right now, but as she gets older I will definitely worry about that," she said.

Krintila's mother-in-law, Leanne Simpson, lives in the area and also has concerns.

"You see a lot of kids — they can't even play street hockey. Kids should be out riding their bikes or playing street hockey, but I worry someone is going to get hit," she said.

Jennifer Black, transportation planner with the liveable streets division of the city, said they've been working closely with the Erin Woods Community Association.

"We went out and did a speed study, which confirmed there is speeding in the community. That's why we're moving forward," said Black.

Black said the streets are quite wide in the area, and that sometimes encourages people to travel at unsafe speeds.

They plan to install temporary curbs to narrow the road at key intersections throughout the community.

Caylie Krintila, pictured here with her daughter Kaia, wants to see something done about speeding vehicles in Erin Woods.
BRODIE THOMAS/METRO

The temporary curbs were designed by a city engineer and are designed to be visible but with a low profile. They can be dropped in place quickly and cheaply, and removed at a later time.

Black said the curbs will create a safe place for people to wait to cross the street where they're separated from traffic but also more visible to drivers.

They also narrow the roadway so people don't have as far to cross, while forcing drivers to reduce their speeds at intersections.

The project will be a two-year pilot. The city will check in with the community after one year and again at the end of the second year. They will then decide if the curbs will stay in place, or if other measures will be taken.

BRODIE THOMAS / METRO

LABOUR

South African firefighters paid in accordance with laws

South African firefighters brought in to battle the blaze in Fort McMurray have been paid in accordance with Alberta labour laws.

Approximately 300 firefighters were flown in to work on the Fort McMurray fire in late May. The South African agency Working on Fire that oversaw the crews was giving the firefighters $15 per day while they were in Canada with an additional $35 per day when they returned home.

When news of that pay scale broke, Premier Rachel Notley announced that the government would ensure they were paid a wage in line with Alberta labour standards.

In a news release issued Wednesday, the government confirmed the firefighters were paid the same salary range as Alberta Wildland firefighters.

"We are grateful that these women and men came to help us in our time of need. We are pleased to get confirmation that they have been paid in accordance with our province's labour laws," said agriculture and forestry minister Oneil Carlier.

The firefighters went home on June 12 after the issue became public.

METRO EDMONTON

Portable ultrasound unavailable

COCHRANE

Urgent-care centre doesn't have needed staff: Director

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

The director of the organization that fundraised Cochrane's only portable ultrasound machine is frustrated that it isn't open to patients seeking a regular appointment, causing many to flood Calgary for the service.

Earlier this year, The Cochrane Urgent Care Centre received a portable ultrasound machine so hospital doctors can determine if a full diagnostic ultrasound is necessary when assessing admitted patients, according to Alberta Health Services (AHS).

"The portable ultrasound is not a diagnostic tool," AHS said in an email.

But Kelly Kimmett, director of the Lindsay Leigh Kimmett Memorial Foundation, said the portable machine — which isn't available to those who have a request from their family doctor — is capable of doing basic procedures, like checking for aneurysms and urinary-tract issues. It also has a vaginal probe.

He said patients who receive doctor referrals can't use the machine because it's not larger and part of a separate clinic that's staffed with technicians.

"There isn't a technician there to do it, so that's why we went with the next possible option," he said.

Kimmett said the foundation duked it out with the government for about two years prior to the installation of the portable machine to hopefully see a fully functioning ultrasound clinic staffed with technologists or radiologists.

"It's frustrating because it was Alberta Health Services that identified their No. 1 need in Cochrane was an ultrasound. It was a total mess for two years," Kimmett said.

"There was a room dedicated to an ultrasound clinic, and that's where our machine was going to go."

AHS said it explored the need for a full ultrasound service in Cochrane but, at this time, hasn't allocated funding to hire technologists or radiologists.

"More detailed ultrasound services are available within a 15 minute drive of Cochrane," AHS said, "and would be prescribed by physicians at Cochrane Urgent Care as appropriate based on individual patient need."

FUNDRAISER

Canada Day to kick off mental-health run

Running became Ian Aman's ultimate coping mechanism to combat anxiety, so he has decided to spend 62 days dashing from the northernmost point of Alberta to the U.S. border.

On Canada Day, Aman — who lives in Airdrie — will begin his provincial run at the Alberta-Northwest Territories border to hopefully fundraise $20,000 for the Canadian Mental Health Association Aman said he has struggled with anxiety and depression, adding he found that running managed to improve his overall well being.

"There's such a powerful connection to your mind and what you're capable of doing through running," he said. "It translates into my life, so that's how I've really connected running to mental wellness."

The goal of the run, Aman said, is to challenge people to live at their highest potential.

"I think a lot of people live way far back from what their potential is," he said. "I think we live in safety and that we're capable of so much more."

He said he knows he isn't the only one whose mental health has suffered. "All of us are affected directly," he said. "We have family or friends that suffer with even more serious mental illness. Through talking and creating a platform I hope more people will be open to talk."

But he doesn't want people to think he's "crazy."

"I don't want people to think, 'Oh there's some crazy guy running across the province," he said. "I want people to go, 'Where can I find myself and push my limits?' And really understand what that is."

> **I think we live in safety and that we're capable of so much more.**
> Ian Aman

He said he plans to run about 30 kilometres per day for the 62-day stretch, adding one day per week will be set aside for recovery.

"As we go through the communities across Alberta, we hope to share our story," he said. "We're really excited to see the province."

But he's a little nervous about the unknown.

"There are going to be days where I may not be up to it, but that's the challenge," he said. "And that's why I'm doing it."

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Ian Aman will run across Alberta, from the border at the Northwest Territories to the one at the United States.
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Get out there and live it up

A selection of what's on:

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Prince's Island Park | 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Celebrate the culture of First Nations, Métis and Inuit people with storytelling, drumming and dancing.

Living Flag
Fort Calgary | 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.
Bring your red and white pride to this fun event to embody the flag. First 1,000 people get a free Living Flag T-shirt.

Riverfront Avenue | 12 – 11 p.m.
Food trucks, francophone heritage, maple sweets and more along the Bow River. At 7 p.m. Mayor Naheed Nenshi kicks off the official ceremonies.

Fireworks | Centre Street Bridge | 11 p.m.
Stellar viewing opportunities all along the Bow River corridor.

Olympic Plaza | 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Food trucks, crafts and history await at Olympic Plaza steps away from Stephen Avenue and busker performances.

Chinatown | 9 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Get ready for culture overload with performances, stores and culinary delights — and views of fireworks from Sien Lok Park.

Fort Calgary | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
This is where it all started for Calgary. Check out the free pancake breakfast along with a petting zoo, live entertainment and crafts. For a full event listing check out fortcalgary.com

East Village Street Fair, Show & Shine and 5th Street Square | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Love vintage vehicles? There's a premier classic car show going on along with vendors, kids activities and local performances.

Big country, big pride

DIVERSITY

Celebrate with food, festivities and fireworks

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Calgary's Canada Day celebrations are kind of like a walk in the park — with a few surprises along the way.

The robust July 1 program starts at 9 a.m. at Fort Calgary and follows the River Walk through East Village, the National Music Centre, Chinatown and Eau Claire Market, to Prince's Island, Stephen Avenue and Olympic Plaza with activities going until 11 p.m. with the traditional fireworks.

"I think it's been a brilliant addition to the whole celebration of Canada Day, to encourage people to walk back and forth along the new River Walk to see this part of the city," said Sara Gruetzner president and CEO of Fort Calgary.

The last couple of years more than 250,000 have come downtown throughout the day for celebrations, and this year the city expects the same.

"This year we've added some new features. We wanted to bring Canada Day everything and more," said Teresa Byrne, superintendent of Arts & Culture, The City of Calgary.

"Of course, we have some of our great favourites that are returning, like our living flag competition."

Last year, Calgary lost the living flag victory to Winnipeg, so it's time to come back fighting and attend with red and white pride.

For those looking to take in historical Calgary, those events will be headed off by Fort Calgary, where the pancake breakfast kickoff to Canada Day starts early at 9 a.m.

"There's just a real focus on people walking and being outside to enjoy their city, it's a great way to celebrate Canada Day," Gruetzner said.

This year, the Francophone community and Canadian Military will be on hand as new additions to the events.

"We're very happy and enthusiastic to be a part of it," said Lt. Col Stephen D. Joudrey, chief of staff, 41 Canadian Brigade Group Canadian Armed Forces.

"We're always happy to be a part of the communities we're resident in.

"It's particularly important here in Calgary because there's a large primary reserve unit here."

The military displays will be set up at Prince's Island park complete with vehicles, weapons and equipment.

In celebration of the year of music, Byrne said the fireworks will be set off to Juno-award-winning tunes.

> "It's been a brilliant addition to the whole celebration ... to encourage people to walk back and forth along the new River Walk" Sara Gruetzner

From Powwoww dance to the Harmony Guzheng Orchestra busking ensemble, there's a taste of everything in store for Calgarians this Canada Day. HELEN PIKE/ METRO

METRO

LONG WEEKEND

What's open and closed

CALGARY TRANSIT
Calgary Transit will provide a Sunday level of service for buses on Canada Day, July 1. CTrain service will be modified to accommodate those attending the Stamps game and Canada Day celebrations in the core.

PARKING
On-street parking is free and Holiday rates will be in effect at select Calgary Parking Authority surface lots and parkades on Canada Day (July 1).

GARBAGE
All three City operated landfills are open and there are no changes to garbage and recycling pick-up on Friday, July 1. Please put your blue and black carts out as usual.

LEISURE CENTRES AND WADING POOLS
Both Southland and Village Square Leisure Centres are open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, July 1. Regular admission applies.

Wading pools around Calgary are operating. Visit calgary.ca for locations.

WHAT'S CLOSED
The following facilities will be closed on Friday, July 1, 2016:

- All pools (except Southland and Village Square Leisure Centres)
- North Mount Pleasant and Wildflower Arts Centres
- The Animal Services Centre
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Mary Salvani uses her low-income transit pass to get to work and class. JENNIFER À/FOR METRO

Group calls for letters

TRANSIT PASSES

Fair Fares aims to show there's support for sliding scale

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Next week the city's Community and Protective Services committee will hear administration's take on how council could introduce a "sliding scale" for lower income transit pass users.

The so-called sliding scale would allow the city to charge low-income pass applicants depending on their incomes and recommendations could involve broadening the programs offering, and even deepening the discount for those who can't currently afford the pass.

Bonnie Pacaud and Colleen Huston of Fair Fares Calgary, a grassroots group, are trying to show council there's community support for a sliding scale transit pass system to replace the current model.

"What we're finding is many Calgarians can't afford the $44 a month, so we're asking for an expanding and deepening of the discount to enable all Calgarians to ride the bus," Huston said.

Currently transit uses the Low Income Cut Off (LICO) numbers from Statistics Canada, but a scaled approach would change those eligible if they fall between 100 and 130 per cent of the LICO.

According to Pacaud broadening the program could help those who currently can't afford the pass — like folks on Alberta Works programs.

Mary Salvani said without the pass she would be doing a lot more walking, which is hard because of her disability. She currently uses transit every day, whether it's to get to class, volunteer or do a grocery run.

"There's some people I know who are on Alberta Works earn less than me, and can't afford the current bus pass," Salvani said. "They should be able to go on the bus too."

For more information about how to send a letter to council in support visit fairfarescalgary1.blogspot.com.

FORT MCMURRAY REBUILD

New rules imposed on homebuilders

The Alberta government says it will post online the resumés of companies that want to rebuild homes destroyed or damaged by the Fort McMurray wildfires in a move to help residents make informed choices.

Municipal Affairs Minister Danielle Larivee says homebuilders who wish to work in the ravaged northern Alberta community, the headquarters for Canada's oilsands region, will have to register a "builder declaration" before they can apply for a building permit.

The builder's construction and financial history, along with outstanding fines or orders, will then be made available online.

More than 80,000 people were forced from their homes on May 3 by the wildfire. The province says more than 1,900 residential units were destroyed.

Larivee said the decision to toughen regulations was prompted by problems that emerged five years ago after one-third of the houses in her home community of Slave Lake were destroyed by an out-of-control fire. She said she has talked to some people from that community who are still battling their homebuilders in court.

1,900

The number of residential units the province says were destroyed by the wildfire.

Jim Rivait, CEO of the Alberta branch of the Canadian Home Builder's Association, says the new regulations will be easy for existing homebuilders to adopt but will work to protect consumers from unqualified or unscrupulous builders.

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Dave Stewart

Take notice that on the **10th day of August 2016 at 2:00 p.m., at Calgary Family Court, Courtroom # 1205, 601 – 5th Street SW, Calgary, Alberta,** a hearing will take place.

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Stampedin' needs new attitude

HARASSMENT

#SafeStampede campaign is back for another year

Jennifer Friesen
For Metro

"It ain't cheatin' if it's Stampedin'."

We've all heard it before — it's been a long-standing joke over the course of the Calgary Stampede's history. But organizers and advocates are looking for an attitude change.

The hashtag #SafeStampede began as a grassroots social media campaign last year to curb sexual harassment during the 10-day festival, and now it's back again.

The 2016 campaign was announced on Wednesday afternoon with the support of the Calgary Stampede and Calgary Sexual Health Centre (CSHC) — all hoping to encourage the public to keep the celebration safe for everyone.

"Anyone that has grown up in Calgary — as I have — knows what we're talking about with this campaign," said Elizabeth Chorney-Booth, one of the advocates behind the campaign.

"There seems to be this citywide permission to behave badly … A lot of women, especially, but also LGBTQ people, don't feel safe going out there in Stampede."

The announcement on Wednesday was joined by the Stampede's Kurt Kadatz and Stephanie McLean, Alberta Minister of Status of Women, who both spoke on the campaign's impact.

"While you have that sense of freedom and festival for 10 days, we also don't want people to forget the notion of being considerate," he said.

Along with the CSHC and Stampede, the campaign hopes to offer a platform for people to share their own stories of sexual harassment and educate people about the importance of consent and respect.

"In my mind, it's more about sending positive messages about the way people can behave rather than calling people out for how they might behave," said Pam Krause, CEO of CSHC.

> **There seems to be this citywide permission to behave badly. A lot of women … don't feel safe.**
> Elizabeth Chorney-Booth

"There's a lot of work that we need to do in the community around changing some of the normalized behaviours that happen. Success would mean things maybe being a little different moving forward."

Krause and Chorney-Booth both agreed that the problem of sexual harassment during Stampede extends outside the festival grounds, and said they hope the campaign continues to grow as a source of education.

"Having that conversation is the most important part, as far as I'm concerned," said Chorney-Booth.

From left: Elizabeth Chorney-Booth , Kurt Kadatz, Pam Krause and Stephanie McLean came together to announce the 2016 #SafeStampede campaign on Wednesday afternoon.
JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Charges laid in Ryan Jimmo hit-and-run

INVESTIGATION

Man involved in UFC fighter's death accused of murder

Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

Police have charged a 23-year-old man with second-degree murder in connection with the hit-and-run death of mixed martial arts fighter Ryan Jimmo.

Police say Jimmo, 34, approached the driver of a pickup truck around 2:15 a.m. Sunday morning in a parking lot on Whyte Avenue near 100 Street, and was walking back to his own car when the pickup driver struck him with the vehicle and fled the scene.

An autopsy confirmed Jimmo died as a result of blunt force trauma.

Homicide detectives tracked down the pickup truck Monday evening and seized it for forensic examination, and on Wednesday police announced charges against two occupants of the truck.

Anthony Getschel, 23, has been charged with second-degree murder, criminal negligence causing death, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing death, and failing to stop at the scene of an accident involving death.

Jordan Wagner, 21, is charged with accessory after the fact to murder.

A former training partner of Jimmo told Metro earlier this week that the New Brunswick-born Ultimate Fighting Championship athlete, nicknamed "The Big Deal," was in the process of moving back to Edmonton from the U.S.

25

Jimmo's death marks Edmonton's 25th homicide of 2016.

Ryan Jimmo TWITTER

IN BRIEF

Man killed in crash on Highway 2

One person is dead after a single-vehicle crash that closed Highway 2 north of the city. Airdrie RCMP said one car was involved, with four people inside.

One man was declared dead on the scene and one was taken by STARS air ambulance in critical condition.

The two other men were transported by ground ambulance. All four were in their late 20s to early 30s.

METRO

Trout population is down on Bow River: Fishing guide

A seasoned fishing guide says trout populations have collapsed in part of the Bow River in southern Alberta and the decrease in fish is largely due to an increase in water temperature.

Eric Grinnell, a Bow River guide, says cold water fish species have virtually disappeared south of the Carseland Weir.

He blames the impact of the 2013 flooding of the Bow River for the change.

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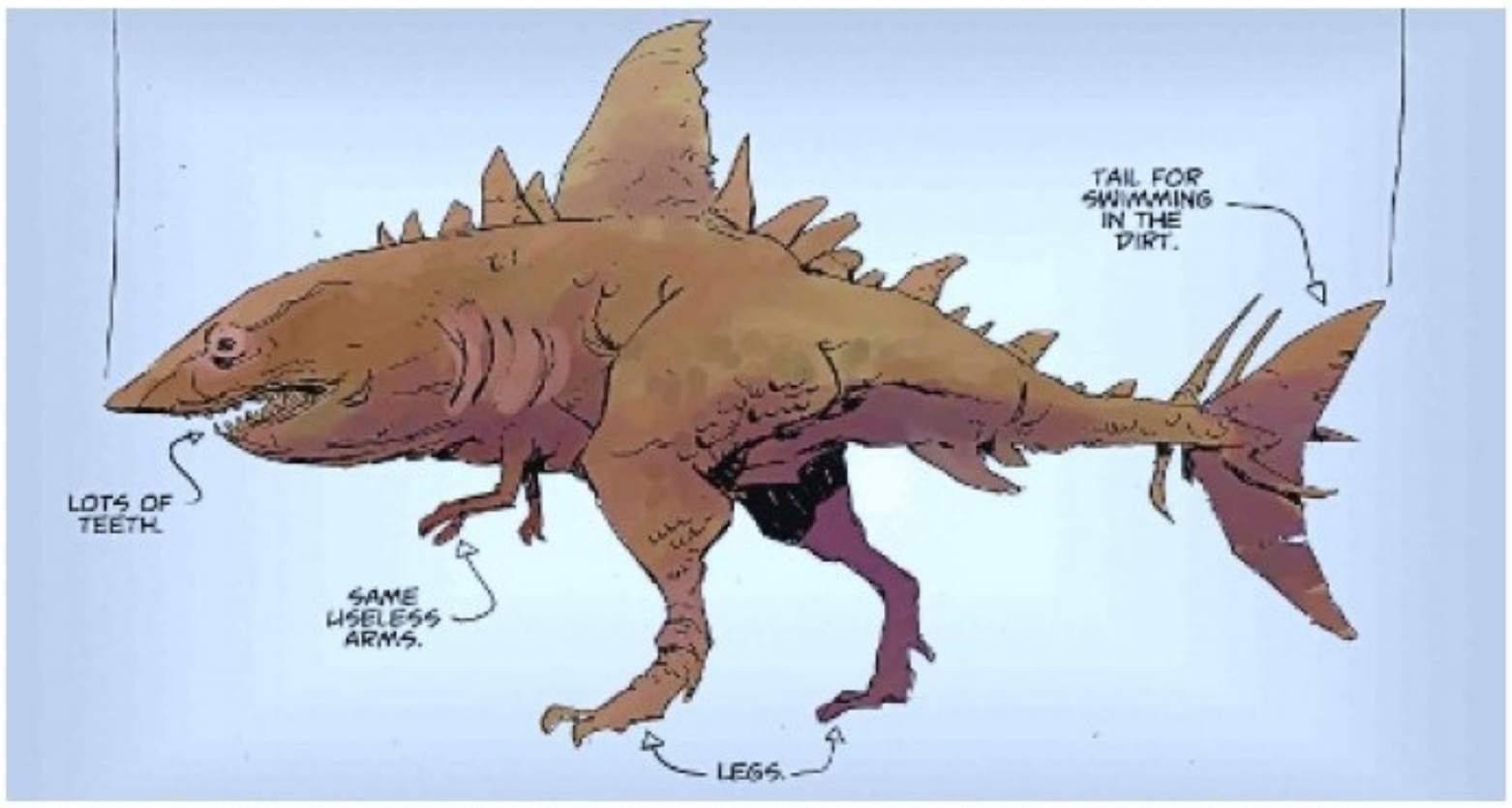
Sharkasaurus far from fin-ished

COMIC BOOKS

Filmmaker hopes to turn B-movie into graphic novel

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary



Spencer Estabrooks said the graphic novel format will help him realize his true vision for Sharkasaurus. CONTRIBUTED

It came from beneath Drumheller.

A fin above the dirt, followed by rows of monstrous teeth — and adorable little arms. There were no survivors.

Calgary filmmaker Spencer Estabrooks was thrilled when his short film Sharkasaurus gained a cult-following on the film circuit — and now he's turning the story into a graphic novel.

"I just have this bigger story idea," he said. "I love doing film, I'm a filmmaker, that's what I do. But when it comes to monsters, I have only so much budget. Shooting Sharkasaurus was hard. The crew wasn't paid, we were out in the sun — I mean, we had ice cream, but that's not a way to pay your crew. And I had bigger ideas."

The original low-budget Sharkasaurus short was billed as palaeontologists vs. creationists vs. sharkasaurus.

The monster, a shark meets T-Rex that tunnels underground and eats victims above ground, was created out of Estabrooks desire for an Alberta-grown monster.

Unfortunately, he was unable to fulfill his true vision using the limited resources available to him on screen. Specifically, the monster wasn't as big as he wanted.

"(Now) when I want a bigger monster, I'm like, let's draw a bigger monster," he said. "It takes the same amount of effort to draw a normal-sized monster. But if I'm on a film set, I can't say lets make that Sharkasaurus bigger, because that takes a lot of time, effort, energy and it's outside of my budget."

> **"(Now) when I want a bigger monster, I'm like, let's draw a bigger monster.**
> Spencer Estabrooks

The graphic novel follows the same concept of the film, but with an added love story. It's like Romeo and Juliet, but with a creationist and palaeontologist.

The story takes place on a golf course in Drumheller, and is brought to life by illustrator Tyler Jenkins, known for his comic Peter Panzerfaust.

The project is currently running a Kickstarter to help pay the artists, inkers and letterers involved. They're hoping to complete the project by November.

The original Sharkasaurus short is free online at sharkasaurus.com.

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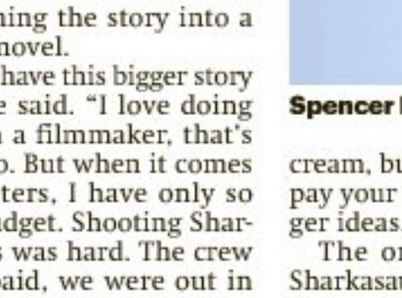

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Todd Haberkorn has voiced characters in Pokemon, Sailor Moon, Attack on Titan and more. SUBMITTED

Voice actor gets on the giraffe team

SCENE YYC

Todd Haberkorn comes to the city for Otafest

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

With more than 200 credits in cartoons, commercials and video games, there's a good chance you've heard Todd Haberkorn's voice. The seasoned character actor brings his face and personality out to this year's Otafest anime convention, on July 1 to 3. For more, visit otafest.com

Q: Why is voice acting so fun?

A: Well, voice acting allows me to be roles that I would never be cast as. I mean, I did a video game series called Tales of Xylia in which I play a 70-year-old man. Or, I did World of Warcraft where I was an old Japanese sensei teaching people marshal arts. I've been demons, ancient wizards, ghouls, spirits and animals. It's an opportunity to play those characters without having to sit in the makeup chair for four hours.

Q: How did you end up in voice acting? Was it making funny voices as a kid, or professional training?

A: It's all of the above. I started working professionally when I was 10, while at the same time training. So I studied it in school. I went to college for it. So all along the way, I'm having this great academic path, and I'm also having this real world experience. I've been very fortunate and very lucky.

Q: You've played a wide variety of characters, what the secret to creating a monster or villain voice? Because over the phone, you sound like a really nice guy.

A: Oh, why thank you. For me, it's about finding — what makes that character tick? Me, Todd, I don't like necessarily world domination, I think it would stress me out with all the paper work. But, villains I've played love world domination. So, I'm like, okay. They love world domination, so I have to love it too — for this session.

Whether it's a monster or — I've played a giraffe. It's about getting on the giraffe's team. I've been a potato.

Q: What makes conventions like Otafest worth seeing?

A: When we're doing these shows, we don't know what fans are thinking. We can see forum posts from fans who choose to say something, but, to see people cosplaying characters we are and telling their personal stories, how the voice has affected their lives.

It's very cool to experience that on the ground level with them.

WEEKEND EVENTS

FRIDAY – Packwood Grand
The third annual Packwood Grand event celebrates the old world sport of horse racing — and also modern sophistication and fashion. About 2,000 of Calgary's most cultured and fashion-forward as expected to be at the event, so dress your best — and wear a large hat.
For more information, visit packwoodgrand.com

AARON CHATHA/METRO

SATURDAY – Bike to Market
Leave the gas-guzzler and home and give your legs a long stretch — the Calgary Farmers' Market is inviting Calgarians to cycle down for activities taking place on the south-side patio and grassy area. There will be a large rack for stashing bikes, a photo booth, bike courses and more than 75 local vendors.

SATURDAY – Legends of Rock N' Roll
Stage West brings back a classic from 2000. Returning for this summer, rock n' roll legends Buddy Holly, Tom Jones, Neil Diamond and Elvis perform classics like Delilah, Blue Suede Shoes and more. The dinner theatre celebrates three decades of legendary rock. For more information, visit stagewestcalgary.com

SUNDAY – The Cool Choir
Calgary's newest, and self-proclaimed coolest, choir performs everything from rock to pop. The choir in non-auditioned and all-inclusive — so there will be about 200 people on stage performing songs by The Beatles, Adele, Mamas and Papas, Coldplay and more. The show takes place at Mount Royal University. For more information, visit mru.ca.

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In business for long haul

LONGBALL

Golf apparel firm now going global with U.S. and U.K. deals

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

A swing and a stitch for Longball golf apparel — the local company is expanding their line into the U.S. and U.K.

Started by two brothers and their friend just five years ago, Longball was created out of their need for better fitting apparel while on — and off — the course.

"I played college golf in university and we were given clothes to represent the team colours," recalled co-owner Jeff Wood.

"They were just never comfortable, they didn't fit well and you knew if it was raining and it was cold out, you're going to have to throw on that rain jacket. And you're going to play terrible because everything's so constricting."

Brothers Jeff and Jared Wood helped create the Longball clothing company. CONTRIBUTED

Wood said their big focus was to create performance driven clothes. They stay away from cotton, instead focusing on polyesters, and paying special attention to the cut of their final products.

> **When you twist, it's never in your way.**
> Jeff Wood

"If you look at the shirt you're wearing right now, it's probably a straight cut down the side.

"On all of our performance and premium shirts, we have a curvature on the cut that wraps around your torso and into your backside. When you twist, it's never in your way," he said.

They also focus on fashion-forward clothing, that makes it easy for golfers to go from work to the course to a night on the town.

When they first launched, only two stores in Alberta carried their brand. Wood said now they have more than 250 accounts across the country, and are expanding internationally.

The first shirt was made for Red Deer golfer Mitch Evanecz, when he was still a local amateur golfer. He's since gone on the play the PGA Tour Canada.

The brand has since attracted golfers like NWGA golfer Jennifer Ha, PGA tour professional Tyler Aldridge and world long-drive champion Jeff Flag

Longball is also in the process of organizing their annual charity golf tournament in August, with proceeds going to KidsSport in Calgary.

For more information, visit longball.com.

AWARD

Yardage down to a TLink

The creator of the world's lightest GPS golf watch has taken home a 2016 Alberta's Top Innovators Award.

The TLink uniquely pairs with the GPS technology in a user's smartphone using Bluetooth.

Because of this link, they can keep the weight of the watch down and still provide an accurate yardage of the green for golfers.

Stefan Radeta, 23, co-founded TLink Golf while still in university with classmate Derek Rucki. They pitched at Mount Royal University's Launchpad competition and won more than $35,000 to help their startup.

Since then, TLink has sold more than 15,000 watches worldwide, totalling more than a million in sales.

This year they launched a new office in Europe to focus on software development and are now focused on releasing a second product before September.

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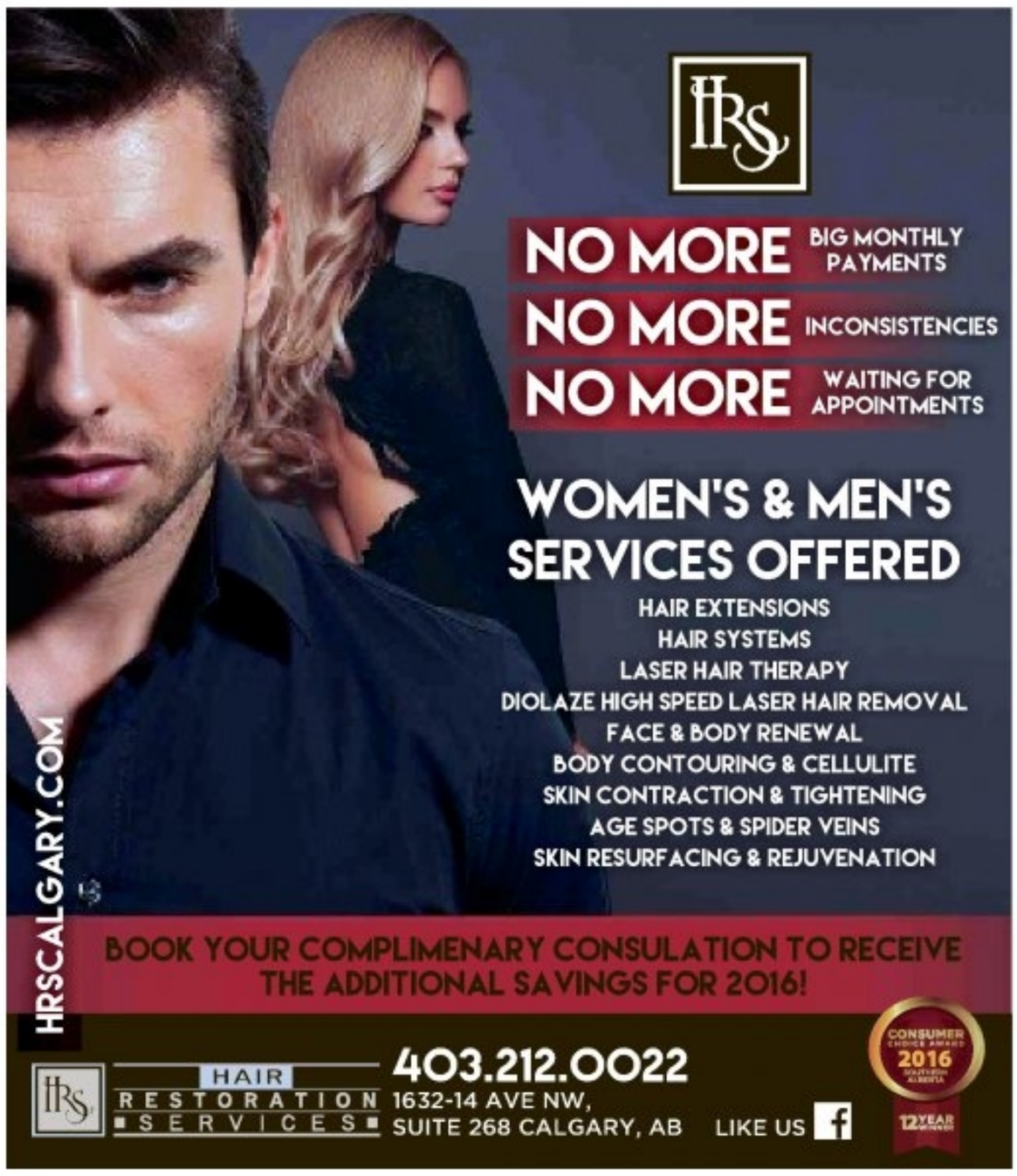

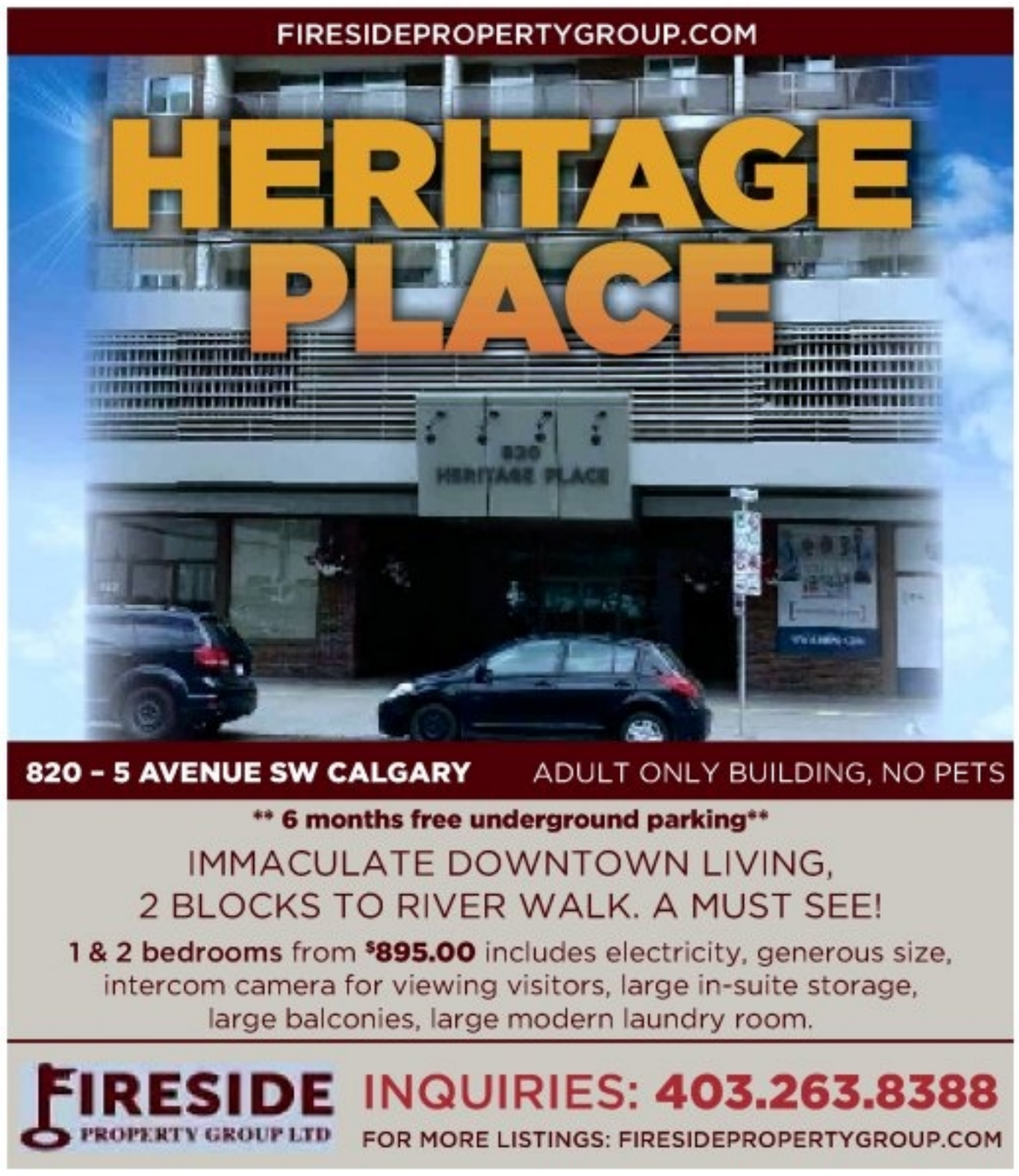

Calgary dancer splits into top 10

TV

Tate McRae moves forward in So You Think You Can Dance

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Tate McRae focuses on contemporary and ballet dances — and was selected to dance with Justin Beiber on stage earlier this month. COURTESY KRISTA RADOS

Calgarian Tate McRae thinks she can dance — and the judges seem to agree, as the 13-year-old has made it into the top 10 on So You Think You Can Dance: The Next Generation.

"I'm honestly so excited," said McRae.

"It's incredible, but there's a whole different pressure added on now because we're going to live shows."

The previous episodes were actually recorded months ago — and in that time, McRae has been back in Calgary, training to wow a nation of fans.

She's the only Canadian dancer in the competition, and her teachers at the School of Alberta Ballet are thrilled to see her success.

"She truly is a rare talent — with talent you need training and Tate is so dedicated, determined and focused on achieving her goals," said her teacher Ashley McNeil. "She deserves every success."

McRae finally leaves for L.A. this week, to take part in the live performances.

"We don't know anything going into this," she said.

"All we know is we're in the top 10. We have a couple of solos prepared in case we need to dance for our lives, but, they teach the choreography in a couple days and then we perform it right there."

She was paired with previous contestant Kathryn McCormick as her coach for the show going forward.

McRae battles it out for the judges on Monday, July 11.

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Three Amigos get down to business in capital

SUMMIT

Leaders talk indigenous rights and clean energy

The three amigos are together again, this time with new blood, as Prime Minister Justin Trudeau welcomed leaders from both the United States and Mexico on Wednesday.

Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto and U.S. President Barack Obama joined Trudeau in Canada's capital for a historic state visit cheekily dubbed the Three Amigos summit.

The trio quickly got down to business, announcing a wide-ranging North America clean energy partnership and discussing indigenous rights. Throughout the day, the three world leaders lived up to their nickname as "amigos," joshing about North American spelling differences in their place cards and attempting an awkward three-way handshake.

Speaking to the press, the three leaders reiterated the importance of co-operation, in light of Donald Trump's divisive campaign and the results of Brexit.

Obama arrived on Parliament Hill on Wednesday evening, just before he was set to make an address to the House of Commons. He was greeted by Ottawa school children who spoke a variety of languages.

Obama went a bit off-script toward the end of the joint press conference, choosing to go on a "rant" — his own words — about the misunderstanding of the word "populism." Pena Nieto and the media had repeatedly referred to Trump's style of leadership and the anti-immigration sentiments of Brexit as populist.

"I'm not prepared to concede the notion that some of the rhetoric popping up is populist," he said.

Obama said his electoral victory, based on a platform about improving the lives of workers and lower- and middle-class people, proves that "populism" is not a synonym for "cynicism."

"That's not the definition of populism, that's nativism or xenophobia, or worse," he said.

"Let's just be clear, somebody who labels us versus them, or engages in rhetoric about how we're going to look out for ourselves and take it to the other guy, that's not the definition of populism. Sorry."

Although no concrete details have been released, Trudeau said all countries agreed they need to do a better job protecting human rights, and combating drug and human trafficking.

Two topics — Brexit and Donald Trump's contentious campaign — dominated the conference. While no one disparaged Trump, all three leaders warned about "demagogues" who think they can rule by appealing to people's basic instincts.

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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto and U.S. President Barack Obama in Ottawa on Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The trio attempts a three-way handshake as they take part in a family photo at the North American Leaders' Summit in Ottawa. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Talks focus on inclusion

EQUALITY

Trio pushes for LGBTQ rights in wake of the Orlando attack

The leaders of North America have called on the international community to "ensure full respect" for LGBTQ people, as Canada and the United States pledge to step up equal rights advocacy at home and abroad.

In a joint statement at the North American Leaders' Summit in Ottawa, Canada, the U.S. and Mexico promised solidarity with LGBTQ communities as 2016 Pride celebrations begin.

"Appalled and saddened by the recent events in Orlando, Canada, Mexico, and the United States call on all members of the international community to ensure full respect for the human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and intersex persons," the statement read.

The push comes after the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history, when a gunman murdered 49 people at a gay nightclub in Orlando earlier this month. It also comes as Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto moves forward with legislation to legalize same-sex marriage in his country.

Speaking on the International Day Against Homophobia in May, Peña Nieto said he wants to amend the constitution to allow same-sex marriage nationwide. Some jurisdictions in Mexico, including Mexico City, already have equal marriage rights.

The initiative has been opposed by Mexico's Catholic church. Catholic Archdiocese of Mexico City spokesman Rev. Hugo Valdemar told The Associated Press in May that legislators should listen to their "conscience." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The three North American leaders speak at a press conference. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ENVIRONMENT

Climate deal in works

The summit between Canada, Mexico and the United States had yet to formally start Wednesday when the three nations released a statement formally outlining their "climate, clean energy and environment partnership."

At the heart of the pact is a pledge by the three nations to generate 50 per cent of electricity from "clean" sources by 2025.

The three nations outlined a number of initiatives to help meet that continent-wide goal, including new cross-border transmission projects. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Relatives of 27-year-old flight officer Gulsen Bahadir, a victim of Tuesday's attack on Ataturk airport, mourn at her flag-draped coffin during a funeral ceremony on Wednesday. GETTY IMAGES

Relatives of attack victim Mohammad Eymen Demirci mourn on Wednesday in Istanbul during his funeral. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Turkey grieves its loss

ATATURK AIRPORT

Authorities blamed Daesh for attack that left 42 dead

It was an attack that echoed the carnage earlier this year at the Brussels airport, down to the taxi that carried the men to their target: Inciting panic and then taking lethal advantage, three suicide attackers unleashed a deadly tide of bullets and bombs at Istanbul's Ataturk Airport, leaving 42 dead.

Authorities blamed Daesh for the bloodbath late Tuesday, a co-ordinated assault on one of the world's busiest airports and on a key NATO ally that plays a crucial role in the fight against the extremist group.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility by the militant group.

Although the attack took a heavy toll, the assailants were initially thwarted by the extensive security on the airport's perimeter, Turkish officials said.

"When the terrorists couldn't pass the regular security system, when they couldn't pass the scanners, police and security controls, they returned and took their weapons out of their suitcases and opened fire," Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim said.

One attacker detonated his explosives downstairs at the arrivals terminal, one went upstairs and blew himself up in the departure hall, and the third waited outside for the fleeing crowd and caused the final lethal blast, two Turkish officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak about the investigation publicly. None of the attackers were Turks, a third official said.

As chaos unfolded, terrified travellers were sent running first from one explosion and then another. Airport surveillance video showed a panicked crowd of people, some rolling suitcases behind them, stampeding down a corridor, looking fearfully over their shoulders.

Other surveillance footage posted on social media showed one explosion, a ball of fire that sent terrified passengers racing for cover. Another showed an attacker, felled by a gunshot from a security officer, blowing himself up seconds later.

Investigators later found a Kalashnikov assault rifle, a handgun and two grenades on the bodies, according to the state-run Anadolu news service. Raids at two addresses also uncovered encrypted organizational documents and computer files, the news agency said.

Although the government quickly blamed Daesh, there was no immediate claim of responsibility by the extremist group, which did not mention the bloodshed on its social media sites Wednesday.

However, an infographic released to celebrate the second anniversary of its self-proclaimed caliphate claimed to have "covert units" in Turkey and other countries.

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DAESH

Daesh rarely claims attacks in Turkey.

One possible reason is a reluctance to be seen as killing fellow Muslims, said Anthony Skinner, director of the analyst group Verisk Maplecroft.

Another is its desire to exploit the violent rift between Turkey and Kurdish rebels, Skinner said.

UNITED KINGDOM

A fight for leadership

Britain has not yet quit the European Union, but it has already left politics-as-usual far behind.

Conservative Party contenders began to emerge Wednesday to replace Prime Minister David Cameron in the wake of Britain's vote to leave the bloc, while the head of the opposition Labour Party tried to cling to power in the face of a growing rebellion in party ranks.

Cameron's successor will get the poisoned chalice of becoming the country's next leader and negotiating Britain's exit.

The first contender to make it official was Work and Pensions Secretary Stephen Crabb.

The 43-year-old Crabb, raised by a single mother in public housing, said he would offer "resilience, optimism, humility, strength." Although he backed the "remain" side, he promised to deliver a "negotiated exit" from the EU. Crabb is running with Business Secretary Sajid Javid — who would serve as his finance minister — on what has been dubbed a blue-collar ticket. Both come from working-class backgrounds, in contrast to frontrunner Boris Johnson, the former mayor of London, and the current prime minister, Cameron.

Home Secretary Theresa May, who backed the "remain" side but is seen as competent and experienced, is also expected to run.

May, 59, could appeal to Conservatives who mistrust Johnson, who has been accused of using the referendum as a platform for his leadership ambitions and of failing to draw up plans if his "leave" side won.

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Stephen Crabb

Theresa May

Toronto Blue Jays' Troy Tulowitzki acknowledges the ovation from the crowd. **Looking at the Jays season so far, online ticket reseller Gamehedge calculates it would only have had to give out refunds for bad games four times.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Refunds offered if home team bombs

SPORTS

Ticket reseller pledges money back if team loses badly

Sports is no stranger to guarantees, but Gamehedge.com, a new online ticket reseller, is putting a new spin on the practice.

It is offering a 50 per cent ticket refund if you experience a bad game.

Launched two weeks ago, the New York-based website is offering what it calls a "good game guarantee" which promises money back if the home team badly loses. It is only available for Major League Baseball games, if you buy tickets through the site and the home team loses by 5 or more runs. Then you get a 50 per cent refund.

"I've also been to some games where the team just doesn't show up," says Warren Friss, founder, Gamehedge.com. "It just didn't feel right to me. If you had a bad experience at a five-star restaurant they would do something and take care of you. So for me, it just felt like the fan should get something back."

EXPANSION

- Gamehedge plans to expand to NFL, NBA and NHL tickets in August.
- The football and basketball score guarantee will be around 15 points, and hockey will likely be around three goals.

In a sense, Gamehedge could be compared to short selling in the stock market, where you invest hoping a stock does poorly. Or gambling, as you are literally hedging your bets on the actual game. That sounds unheard of, although in 2012, the NBA's Phoenix Suns offered a money-back guarantee if fans didn't enjoy the game night experience, although that was a one-night promotion.

Friss has gone through a lot of statistical modeling on how to make this work, and says coming up with what the refund score was one of the big issues.

"The five runs was based upon the point at which very few teams come back. If a team is five runs down, 97 per cent of the time, they're not coming back," he says.

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CANADA POST

Businesses brace for mail stoppage

Businesses are warning their customers about the possibility of a strike or lockout at Canada Post that could happen as early as this weekend.

A number of companies including TD Bank, Virgin Mobile and American Express have told their customers not to expect statements in the mail in the event of a labour disruption. Some are encouraging their customers to pay their bills online and avoid mailing in payments.

Unionized workers at Canada Post can legally go on strike or be locked out as of Saturday if an agreement isn't reached. The Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) said it "absolutely" does not plan to hit the picket lines Saturday.

The last day for mail delivery would be Thursday if a labour disruption occurs this weekend because of the Canada Day holiday on Friday.

The last labour disruption was in 2011, when Canada Post workers went on rotating strikes for 10 days.

Rivals Purolator and UPS said they are preparing to step in if a Canada Post labour disruption occurs.

Canada Post and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers have been in negotiations since December for its 50,000 delivery and plant employees.

The Crown corporation says it tabled new contracts last Saturday but has yet to hear a response from the union, which must issue a 72-hour notice before going on strike.

On Tuesday, CUPW asked for a two-week extension to give them more time for contract negotiations. Canada Post denied the request.

> **What worries them the most are parcel shipments.**
> Dan Kelly

The head of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business said that any action will hurt small businesses that rely on mail service to deliver invoices and payments to other firms.

"There are some small firms that will no doubt be heavily hit by any work stoppage," said Dan Kelly, president of the group, which represents more than 109,000 members.

"What worries them the most are parcel shipments and money that gets tied up in the mail. It's the primary way for businesses to pay each other."

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What's Canada's favourite city?

On the occasion of our home and native land's 149th, we decided to settle once and for all which Metro city is the best in the nation. We asked prominent denizens in each of them — Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa and Halifax — to extol their town's virtues. Judge for yourself!

Calgary

"Calgary's greatness is in its very Canadian capacity for opportunity. Since well before Confederation and Treaty, we have been a place where—no matter where you come from, what you worship, or whom you love—you have the opportunity to lead a great Canadian life.

This makes Calgary incredibly resilient. We are a community that understands that our neighbour's success is our success and, conversely, our neighbour's failure is our failure. No matter the challenges we may face—be them economic, environmental, or social—we are all committed to this community.

We are all in this together and we all have the power, through our service, to improve our community. As we celebrate Canada's 149th birthday, let's consider a gift to our nation. Let's each give three gifts of service to our community this year—and every year. We have the power to make Canada even better, and Canadians can change the world."

Naheed Nenshi
Calgary mayor

Ottawa

"This is a dream place to raise a family, especially when you have two young boys like my wife Nicole and I do.

It has all the resources of a city, without the worries of big-city living. Also, the people here make Ottawa what it is. It doesn't feel like a city. It feels like one large community.

Also, people care about each other and they support each other here. We made the move from Calgary out here because we saw it as a long-term solution to what we were looking for. Nicole and I came out to visit the city and saw what it has to offer, plus the close proximity to where she grew up (in Maryland). That's the kind of access we've always wanted when it came to our family and friends.

Our sons love it out here, too. For kids, it's always hard because they think, 'Man, I lost all my friends back in Calgary,' but once they got out here, they started to meet the neighbours and meet their kids and develop their own friends. Now, there's no looking back. "

Henry Burris
Ottawa Redblacks

Halifax

It's such a small-town vibe. Everyone's so nice and they look out for each other but it still has everything you want in a city. I'm so proud, every time I say I'm from Halifax I always know the reaction's going to be good.

We have our own culture there, our own music culture, and we've really kept our roots, but are still like a city. Not a lot of people think that Halifax is an actual city. It has everything that a major city has, except it has maintained its uniqueness.

Everyone's always like either 'Wow, I really want to go there,' or they went and had the best time, and everyone's so nice. I forget, every time I go home, it's just so beautiful, the waterfront, and the lakes and ocean."

Ria Mae
Juno-nominated singer

Winnipeg

"What I love most about Winnipeg is the big sense of community. I love Winnipeg and I love that throughout my speed skating career the community was always there to support me.

When I started skating at the club level, I was fairly old, being 18 years old at the time. It looked like I didn't have a hope, I was so bad when I started, but my coach and the entire speed skating community believed in me.

To me, that's what I love about Winnipeg, anytime you need help or support the community is there, they're always ready to give a hand.

I had to move to Calgary because that's where the (speed skating) oval is, but throughout my skating career, even from here I could feel that support.

I miss Winnipeg so much. I'm always talking to my friends about how great Winnipeg is, but no one understands. They think Winnipeg, they think of the cold and the big mosquitoes. But it was a great place to grow up and I love Winnipeg."

Cindy Klassen
Olympic speed skater

Toronto

"For me Toronto is the perfect mix of fast-paced city life and laid back neighbourhood barbecues. I can lose myself in the wilds of High Park, searching vainly for escaped capybaras, or hop onto a packed subway train and lose myself (and my friends) in the hustle of Canada's biggest Pride festival.

Toronto is a city that offers me more types of authentic food than there are communities living here making it. We are a city of diversity with distinct neighbourhoods that offer their own feeling and flavour without ever being unwelcoming.

Toronto has a certain grit, but you'd be hard pressed to see it as we like to keep things clean. If we are accused of being too busy it's only because we have so many ways to fill our time. A thriving comedy scene, an epic fringe festival, concerts, Jays games — Toronto never stops throwing out things do and see.

I am pleased to call Toronto home, well, except during the Indy weekend but, hey, no city is perfect right?"

Gavin Crawford, comedian

Edmonton

"I really like the mixture in Edmonton of an inventive, entrepreneurial spirit — you know, go do it, you can do anything — with a spirit of co-operation as well. People will help you. Those two things that come together in Edmonton make it a great place for a creative person, whether that's someone who wants to start a business or solve a problem, or an artist.

I've really come to enjoy that spirit in the city. It's the spirit behind the fringe festival and Bioware and PCL and Stantec and all the big companies. I feel like it's the kind of city where anyone can show up from anywhere, and overnight they can be a leader. You don't have to have been in the city for seven generations, or to have gone to the greatest schools.

It's an unpretentious, open-hearted city. And that spirit makes for a lot of fun – great restaurants, great activities, lots of art. It's a fine laboratory of a city."

Todd Babiak
Writer

Vancouver

"Vancouver has a feel of a small town rather than a megacity, and I love the feeling of ease in navigating the streets. I love the proximity to the ocean and the mountains and the climate.

We are now an urban animal, so it's important to seek out nature in our surroundings — gardens, parks, creeks or woods.

Appreciating nature is the challenge of our time as young people spend hours in front of a computer, cellphone or television screen and only a few minutes out side every day.

Now, virtual reality seems to offer experiences that are better than reality: car races and gunfights without threats to survival, sex without danger of STDs, virtual nature without risk of injury or harm.

Nature is the very source of our lives and happiness, clean air, water, soil and biodiversity. Yet how will we appreciate that, and fight to protect it, if we don't experience it?"

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Environmentalist

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CANADA DAY DIALOGUE

Face it: Justin's kind of a dork

Even though he has right honourable status and even though the rest of the world is swooning, there's just something about him we find a little goofy. We can't quite put our finger on it, but, **come on, you know it's true.**

MATT LAFORGE | **ROSEMARY WESTWOOD**

Westwood: Let's set the parameters. We're not talking about what the haters think.

LaForge: No. There are people who actively dislike him, call him an airhead, shallow, stupid, and superficial.

Westwood: But this isn't about them. We're talking about the spectrum of people who like him to those who are indifferent — they're rolling their eyes, somewhere deep inside, every time they see him. Do you think everybody thinks he's dorky?

LaForge: No doubt in my mind. Like that photo in the canoe, where he's wearing his dad's buckskin jacket, and he's got a life jacket on! I mean, he's doing the right thing, he's being prime ministerial, in a certain sense, but that is not a rugged look.

Westwood: He always looks like he's trying to sell perfume, you know?

LaForge: Somehow his dad seemed more genuine, and Justin's way more choreographed and self-conscious. I can't think of an unproblematic word for non-masculine, but whatever it is, that's what he is.

Westwood: It is all about his more effeminate qualities. So is all the right-wing hater-talk too, I think. And I get it. Even when he was talking at the press conference with the presidents of Mexico and the U.S., he sounded like Mr. Rogers. He's really not that commanding. Sort of all carrot, and no stick.

LaForge: He's like captain of the debate team in those settings — almost like he's mimicking statesmanhood.

Westwood: He's mimicky, yes.

LaForge: So you think whatever people are picking up on is inseparable from the idea of a continuum of masculine/feminine traits?

Westwood: Yes, totally. It's sexism on a spectrum.

LaForge: This might be my liberal guilt talking, but I feel like you can refer to a man as overly delicate, overly refined, overly slick without thereby saying that he's feminine.

Westwood: I disagree. It's the idea of power, and what power should look like, which is masculine. So anything that's not masculine is de facto undermining his power, and is de facto feminine. I mean, he's kind of buff, but he has the soft features, and the soft hair, and the soft voice, and the soft mannerisms. Even the elbowgate video! He was like the mom sternly walking across the room. But everyone lives on the spectrum of gender and has a mix of these components we traditionally call male and female. For Trudeau, I don't think it's a problem, but we tend to feel goofy about the ways he's not 100 per cent pure-grade masculine.

LaForge: What about Jack Kennedy? He looked the same way. He had that patrician softness in his face, but he fought in World War 2. Is it that it? Is it Kennedy's resumé?

Westwood: I doubt it, but I wasn't around so I don't know!

LaForge: Maybe if you're killed like that, in such a gruesome, bloody way, you automatically get to be remembered forever as tough.

Westwood: Or maybe we're in a more hyper-masculine world now. By the way, I think Justin Trudeau looks like a beaver. Look it up.

LaForge: (Silence.)

Westwood: He's a goody-two-shoes!

LaForge: That's it. That's the term. And that's not what Harper was. Harper was straight-laced, but he had sort of a darkness around him.

Westwood: And a lot of time Trudeau's unbridled optimism is also seen as somewhat feminine, too.

LaForge: Like naive. So what do we want? Because Vladimir Putin is seen as ridiculous, though I'm sure there are lots of people in Russia —

Westwood: — who might love it! But I think Trudeau's gushiness, I think it's working for him. I think people find it charming how not-tough he is. Even in boxing, his most masculine setting, it's just like, "Oh, Justin…"

LaForge: It could be an English-French thing, too. I've heard he's a lot more convincingly a man of action in French.

Westwood: That might be something.

LaForge: Maybe his accent — which is subtle but prominent — makes him sound too earnest.

Westwood: Hyper-earnest. And he'll never get rid of it, no matter how many yoga poses he does. You almost want to poke his belly, it's like that kind of a feeling.

LaForge: What's the word for that?

Westwood: What is that word? I don't know. But whatever it is, that might be it.

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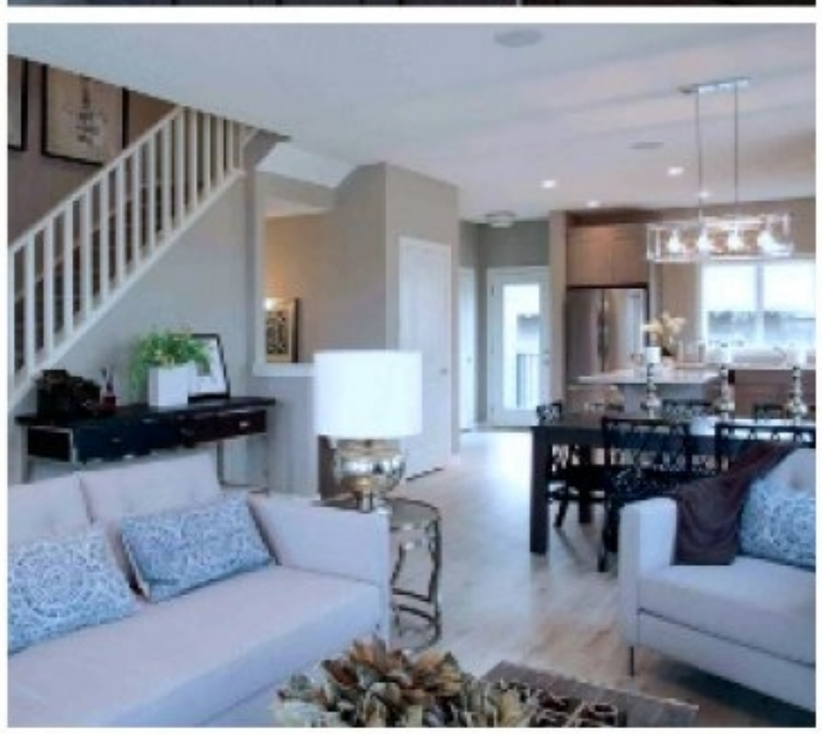

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In Disney's fantasy-adventure The BFG, a precocious 10-year-old named Sophie (Ruby Barnhill) befriends The BFG (Mark Rylance), a Big Friendly Giant from Giant Country. HANDOUT

A towering tale of friendship

ADAPTATION

Look way up, Roald Dahl's BFG makes it into theatres

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

If you are not a Roald Dahl fan the term The BFG almost sounds like something you might call someone you don't like.

If you're familiar with the Dahl's work, stories like James and the Giant Peach, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Matilda and Fantastic Mr Fox, you'll already know The BFG stands for The Big Friendly Giant.

Just in time for the 100th anniversary of Dahl's birth, Steven Spielberg brings the towering tale of an orphan girl who befriends a taller-than-tall giant to the big screen.

Mark Ryland, last year's best supporting Oscar winner for Bridge of Spies, plays the BFG but he's not the film's only leviathan. Giant Country is filled with "cannybully and murderful" goliaths with fanciful names like The Childchewer and The Gizzardgulper.

They are the BFG's brothers, behemoths so huge if six-foot eight-inch Cleveland Cavaliers forward Lebron James stood next to them he'd only come up to their ankle. They're fearsome but Meatdripper portrayer Paul Moniz de Sa is quick mention, "There's still a lot of joy in the giants."

"We were going more for goose bumps," says Michael Adamthwaite who plays the Butcher Boy. "The film does a good job of showing [kids] how to overcome that fear and finding confidence and being brave and standing up for what you believe in."

Creating a world for the giants to inhabit involved groundbreaking technology to blend the live-action elements with performance-capture techniques. The richly detailed Giant Country, where swords are used as sewing needles and sailing ships double as beds, was brought to vivid life on soundstages in Vancouver last year.

"It was a big empty space and you had to use your imagination to feel the different elements," says Daniel Bacon who plays Bonecruncher. "There was tape on the floor and it was explained that something would be here, and something would be there. We relied on Steven telling us and being very descriptive about what it would look like."

"We also had the wonderful concept art to fall back on," says Adamthwaite. "For all the locations there was a big concept art poster and then there was the virtual camera which is technologically way beyond my brain power, but it is so crisp and the technology has advanced so quickly that now we are at a point that even though we were in a carpeted room with tape on the floor we had the benefit of being able to look over to a large screen monitor and see these almost real time, almost full renderings of our characters."

The result of the high tech work is a film that has so little to do with today's kid's entertainment it feels as though it's a relic from another time, a singular holdover from a day before Minions gurgled and everything was awesome. Adamthwaite credits Spielberg for finding the right tone.

"While some directors may be pushing the boundaries of being cutting edge. He always sees the film through the audience's eyes. He's very aware and astute of what will work in terms of what the audience appreciates."

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

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When the stars take over the production

TREND

More actors controlling their destiny by producing

The actor's longtime lament: "What I really want to do is direct." The revised version: "I want to produce."

More entertainers are getting the chance to play the role of producer as the expanding universe of cable channels and, especially, online platforms make for big opportunities on small screens.

With motivations ranging from passion projects to career advancement, stars — and even their journeymen counterparts — are getting into the game.

"Actors need to produce because they need to control material and be ahead of the business," said Roy Ashton, the Gersh Agency's head of TV. "With the Netflixes and Hulus and everything else, it's really about owning content, controlling it and controlling your destiny."

The flashiest examples remain theatrical releases from heavyweights such as Brad Pitt, who's dabbled in TV but largely used his clout to help produce films including the Oscar-winning 12 Years a Slave and Selma.

Pitt is making serious TV forays as a producer for the upcoming miniseries Lewis and Clark and the limited series Feud. Actress and film producer Reese Witherspoon (Wild, Gone Girl) is producing and starring in the announced limited series Big Little Lies.

John Legend (clockwise), Brad Pitt, Steve Carrell and Reese Witherspoon have all worn the producer's hat. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

While individual responsibilities vary depending on the project, a producer or production team's tasks include obtaining financing and supervising casting, writing and the director who will guide filming.

Amid the crush of outlets and shows jockeying for viewers, a celebrity's behind-the-camera involvement may be seen as a way to build a project's buzz.

Actors who have a way with words can become sought-after producers, the result of TV's traditional reliance on writer-showrunners in contrast to filmdom's worship of directors. Tina Fey (Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt) and Amy Poehler (Broad City) are among the examples.

"People like Amy and Tina are being given production deals by networks looking for these people to expand on their voice," said Steve Carell, who wears a producer's hat for Angie Tribeca, TBS' police parody series.

Music star John Legend is an increasingly active producer with projects for TV (Underground) and the big screen (filmmaker Cary Fukanaga's in-development The Black Count).

He dismisses any notion he's in it for the so-called vanity credit which, with a monetary bonus, can be a lure for some.

"People find out pretty quickly I don't just do it to slap my name on things," Legend said. "I care about the kinds of stories being told under my name, so I try to interact with writers and directors as much as possible."

Although today's biggest names can't ensure success — HBO reversed its decision to renew the drama series Vinyl for a second season despite the involvement of producer-creators Mick Jagger and Martin Scorsese — Survivor's Remorse is returning July 24 for its third season on Starz with Mike O'Malley, a veteran actor (Glee, Yes, Dear) and writer (Shameless), in charge as creator and executive producer.

The talent — as the entertainment industry collectively labels performers — may produce to ensure their own juicy roles. But as performers themselves tell it, other motivations can be equally or more compelling.

Making a stand

The changing world of TV offers more opportunities for stories told by and about people of colour and other minorities — especially notable given this year's all-white slate of Oscar acting nominees.

"What's great about television right now is there are so many different avenues for content. It allows television to have real diversity," Legend said.

"Any of us who have power should try to use that power to tell great stories that reflect what's happening in the world and reflect the audience that's out there," he said. "They are thirsty for content featuring people who look like them."

Bridging the gender gap

In an industry in which men dominate on- and off-screen jobs, producing is giving women an influential path. Witherspoon's production company, for example, has focused on film and TV projects with female protagonists.

After Joanne Froggatt read a gripping script about Mary Ann Cotton, a 19th-century serial killer in England, she used the cachet she gained as Anna Bates on PBS' hit drama Downton Abbey to help drive Dark Angel.

As associate producer as well as star, Froggatt was tasked with getting PBS' agreement to air the miniseries, due in 2017, and had a hand in choosing the director, hair and makeup artists, and costume designer.

"It's not something that happens a lot in television in England, much more so in the States," the British actress said.

"It's really nice to voice that opinion and be heard," she added.

Show biz

The chance to develop entrepreneurial muscles and avoid employment slumps that are all too common in the acting game are other reasons to turn producer.

For Sean Hayes, the eye-opening moment came when he realized the long-running sitcom Will & Grace and his role as Jack were soon to end and, he says, "I needed a place to go in the morning. I looked around the soundstage and all of a sudden it hit me: How did all of this come together?"

His curiosity led him, with friend Todd Milliner, to launch a busy production company whose series include Grimm, Hot in Cleveland and Hollywood Game Night.

Putting the pieces together "enables me to keep working and keep my mind being creative," Hayes said.

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Tarzan reimagined for a new century

CULTURE

Problematic colonial themes tossed for more palatable plot

Tarzan may be among America's classic fictional characters, but he's not beyond reproach.

Like so many well-worn tales, Edgar Rice Burroughs' Tarzan was borne of a vastly different time more than 100 years ago, when narratives rooted in colonialism, white saviours and African stereotypes were the norm. Throughout the decades, Tarzan also became a staple of Hollywood — there have been 52 authorized films and seven television series that have told the tales of the King of the Jungle.

For a bygone era, he's the model romantic adventurer. Today, he's a blemish on the history of literature and film.

The Legend of Tarzan, out Friday, is the first big-budget studio attempt to take on the character in the modern CGI world. Not only does the Warner Bros. film show feats of derring-do that not so long ago could only be imagined, but it also endeavours to spin a more contemporary story for today's sensibilities.

As with Hollywood's other recent adaptations of beloved tales stories with outmoded values, the Tarzan filmmakers did the delicate dance of trying to both preserve its original spirit while also correcting or even discarding its problematic origins. Their approach was to infuse the story with historical perspective, then bake it all into an action-adventure worthy of the superhero generation.

Though there are those who would sooner see Tarzan left for the ages, the character's roots are so deep that they've become archetypal.

"Edgar Rice Burroughs just tapped into a primal myth of humanity," said Scott Tracy Griffin, author of Tarzan: The Centennial Celebration and the forthcoming Tarzan on Film. "He is an orphan who is stranded and must find a way to his manhood and to reclaim his legacy."

Alexander Skarsgård, the latest leading man to do the Tarzan yodel, noted too that "people have always been very fascinated by our more animalistic side and the notion of the noble savage."

He also acknowledged those troubling origins.

"At the time it was written, the way people in Western Europe and in America viewed indigenous people was quite horrific and it was quite common. It was widespread, the notion that they were an inferior race," Skarsgård said. "It was very obviously important to steer away from the notion of like the white man coming down to Africa to save all the black people because they can't save themselves ... the movie is about them kicking the colonizing force out of the country."

This film introduces Tarzan at mid-life — already married to Jane (Margot Robbie) and living in England as Lord Greystoke — long past his vine-swinging days. When he receives an invitation from King Leopold to visit the Congo and see the Belgian leader's work there, it's George Washington Williams (Samuel L. Jackson) who convinces him to go and find out what's really happening to the native people.

The injection of Williams — a real-life historian and Civil War veteran who exposed atrocities of the Congo — into the Tarzan mythology helped director David Yates ground it in a historical context. It also helped them turn away from some of the story's less palatable elements.

"It wasn't difficult to jettison those very old-fashioned aspects of the story because it doesn't belong to our century," Yates said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Alexander Skarsgård is the new Tarzan. CONTRIBUTED

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> Alexander Skarsgård

MOBILE GAMING

Avatar game to roll out ahead of sequels

Game studio Kabam will develop an Avatar mobile game for release ahead of the next four films. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Before moviegoers return to Pandora, they'll be able visit the exotic alien world from Avatar on their smartphones.

Lightstorm Entertainment and 20th Century Fox have enlisted game studio Kabam to develop an Avatar mobile game for release ahead of the next four film sequels. "The idea is to extend the world beyond the big screen and create an experience that will be true to what James Cameron did in making the most technologically advanced film of its time," said Kabam COO Kent Wakeford. "That's what we want to do with this game."

The multiplayer strategy game is set for release in 2018 before the second Avatar film hits theatres. Wakeford said Kabam plans to update the game as Avatar sequels unfurl every other year through 2023.

Kabam previously released mobile games based on such franchises as Star Wars, Marvel and Fast & Furious. Wakeford said the budget to produce the Avatar game will be substantially more than $14 million, the average cost of Kabam's previous titles.

The original 2009 film centred on the conflict between the human-led Resources Development Administration and the blue-skinned alien race Na'vi of Pandora. The film sequels will explore Pandora's other environments and cultures.

"For us, to be able to come out ahead of the movie and start to introduce a whole new set of characters and experiences when the movie releases and then again and again and again as the new films roll out, it'll allow us to create a really engaging game," said Wakeford.

The game won't only rely on the first movie for inspiration. For the past year, the developers at Kabam have been collaborating with artists and others working on the next Avatar installments at Lightstorm.

"There might be a creature or RDA aircraft that was not in the first movie that we designed for the sequels that's part of the texture of the films," said Avatar producer and Lightstorm COO Jon Landau. "If it doesn't reveal a story point from the films, why not share that with Kabam and allow them to use it in that space?"
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How Disney broke down the barriers of Autism

LIFE ANIMATED

Owen Suskind found his voice after watching countless films

Through Disney movies and characters, Owen Suskind, who has autism, learned to navigate a world coloured by shades of grey. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Owen Suskind had largely retreated into silence in the years after his autism began to manifest, around age 3. Three painfully mute years later, and after countless rapt hours spent watching Disney animated movies, a word broke through.

"Juicervose!"

His parents, Ron (a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist) and Cornelia, initially thought he was asking for juice. But he wasn't. He was repeating back a line from The Little Mermaid, a scene he often rewound to watch again, where Ursula the sea witch sings Poor Unfortunate Souls. She sings, "It won't cost you much, just your voice!" ("juicervose")

It was just the first phrase from a Disney film that Owen would go on to recite, but it was the first hint of his rediscovery of language. For the Suskinds, it was a lifeline back to their son.

Roger Ross Williams' documentary Life Animated chronicles Owen's remarkable growth, aided by the colorful, underdog sidekicks of Disney movies. The film, inspired by Ron Suskind's book Life Animated: A Story of Sidekicks, Heroes and Autism, is both about Owen's impressive maturity and the power of movies, of stories, to connect people across daunting divides.

The film has been a hit on the festival circuit where 25-year-old Owen has bounded down theatre aisles, high-fiving cheering crowds. Owen, the most ardent of movie lovers, is now a star himself.

"I've never experienced anything like I'm experiencing with this film," says Williams. "What I hope is that it not only gives parents hope, but it inspires everyone to realize the potential of people living with autism."

Speaking by phone from Los Angeles, Owen cheerfully greeted this reporter. (In Los Angeles, Owen visited the Disney Animation studios and met animators whose credits he knows thoroughly.) Owen had what's called "regressive autism," which only reveals itself once a child is a toddler. Life Animated captures Owen at a universal crossroads: He's graduating from school, moving out of his parents' house, finding (and losing) a girlfriend and getting a job at (where else?) a movie theatre.

He speaks knowingly about why Disney films so resonate for him.

"I live in these characters and they live in me," he says. "It speaks to me. It helps me with my own life, to find my place in the world, to touch a lot of people."

In his bestseller, Suskind writes of Owen finding "a language and a tool kit" in Disney films that gave him fables to live by.

"He starts with the moral — beauty lies within, be true to yourself, love conquers all — and tests them in a world coloured by shades of grey," wrote Suskind. "It's the sidekicks who help him navigate that eternal debate, as they often do for the heroes in their movies."

"It says something about the power of story for all of us, that we all need a story for us to survive," says Williams. "It's kind of the lifeblood of human interaction. These Disney films are basically classic fables and Owen was raised on these fables."
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Emily Haines is ready to rock Parliament Hill

INTERVIEW

Metric's singer talks national pride and new music

Emily Haines will lead Metric at a Canada Day concert on Parliament Hill. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Metric's lead singer Emily Haines is returning to Parliament Hill on Friday to give Justin Trudeau a lesson in indie rock.

Haines and her bandmates tore through some of their most memorable hits three years ago — Youth Without Youth, Gold Guns Girls and Breathing Underwater among them — for a crowd of thousands, including former prime minister Stephen Harper.

With a new leader in office, Haines is eager to take to the Hill again and mark Canada's 149th birthday. Metric will be joined by fellow homegrown acts including Coleman Hell, Coeur de pirate and Alex Cuba.

Fans can watch the show on CBC-TV Friday at 9 p.m. ET and stream an extended version of the main event on CBC.ca starting at 8 p.m. ET.

Haines talked about what national pride means to her and why Metric decided to scrap what could've been their next album.

Friday will mark the second time you've played Parliament Hill on Canada Day. What brought you back?
We did it under Harper and I'm very excited to do it under Trudeau. It particularly resonates for me. Every time it feels like the world is facing intense times it just really confirms how fortunate I feel to live in Canada. Being born in New Delhi, India and being able to come here and grow up here, it's incredible.

What makes Canada unique to you?
Last night I had people over for dinner and was sitting in my yard enjoying a beautiful summer night and discussing all the stories of immigration, family members and all the people we know whose parents came here. (I was) really feeling patriotic in the best possible way. So it's emotional for me.

Are there any highlights from the first time you played the Hill?
Singing Gold Guns Girls to Harper directly was pretty funny. I think I got a little too close ... there wasn't a lot of emotion (from him).

Around the time your album Pagans in Vegas was released last year the band hinted that another record was on the horizon. You've described it as totally diametric to the sound of Vegas — but what's the difference?
It was the highly conceptual thing where we were going to do Pagans — about this synthesized world ... and then we were going to do this complementary album that's all organic instruments live off the floor. We were splitting the atom and showing the two sides that make the band who we are — the kind of thing you do when you're on your sixth record.

That album was recorded last summer while you were opening for rock band Imagine Dragons. When will we hear it?
(After the tour) we regrouped and were like, "Yeah there's no (expletive) way we're putting that record out." I don't know what we were thinking. We did all these incredible recordings in Nashville and all over the place, we did a huge amount of work, but there is just absolutely no way. We have all kinds of exciting surprises to come. We promise to keep everyone engaged, but that record — it's the mystery tapes at this point.

The Imagine Dragons tour sounds like it was a monumental stretch of time for Metric. Following that experience, guitarist James Shaw swore off opening for other huge bands. What happened?
Well, you've known (Metric) for a long time and you've watched us make decisions and navigate, change and evolve, which I think you have to do. What we experienced on that tour was ... (us thinking) "OK, this is a massive mainstream event" — and it was pretty jarring. On the upside, for me I felt like if I had any fears I was drifting into the mainstream it confirmed firmly that I'm 100 per cent a freaky outsider artist.

Was it the audiences? Were they not engaged?
It was actually quite full and people were very respectful. For us it was just kind of course correction a little bit. If a pit in the bottom of your stomach can rejuvenate you, then it certainly did.

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Kanye West GETTY IMAGES

CLOTHING

Adidas and Kanye get cosier

Singer Kanye West and Adidas are expanding their partnership that began almost two years ago with retail hubs for his Yeezy products and additional sportswear designs.

The sportswear company announced the collaboration Wednesday, describing it as the most significant partnership created between a non-athlete and an athletic brand.

Along with West, a team based at the company's Portland, Oregon, offices will lead the creation of new Yeezy products. Retail stores will serve as hubs for the new products. They will also introduce performance designs to offer options for both street wear and sportswear.

> **Anyone with a dream can dream without limitations.**
> Statement from Kanye West

The partnership illustrates "that anyone with a dream can dream without limitations," West said in a statement.

He launched his Yeezy Boost shoe line for Adidas Originals in February 2015.

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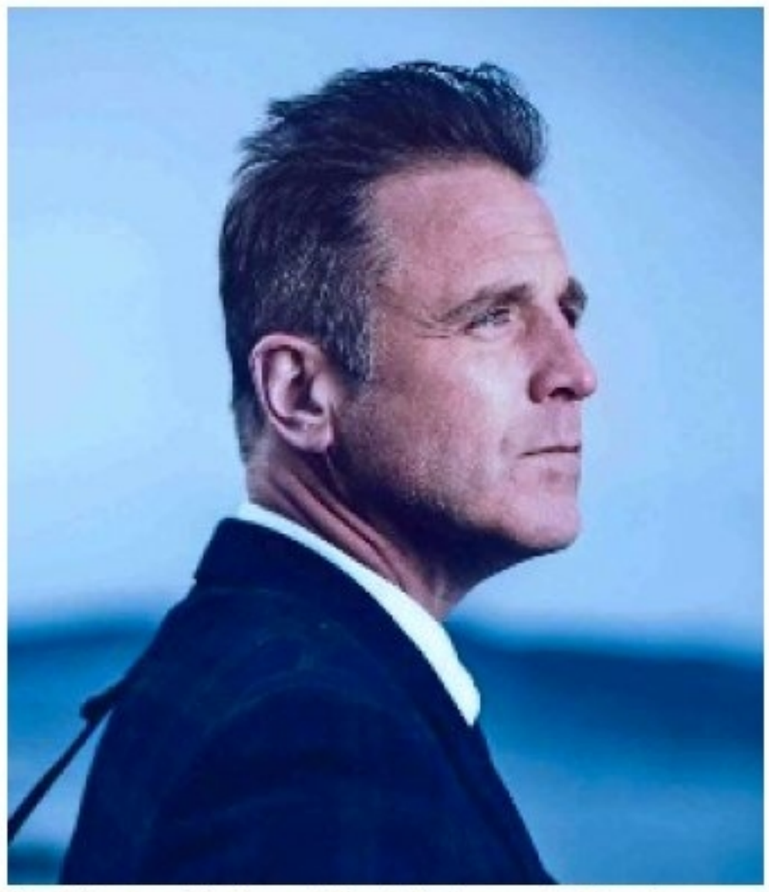

Musician Sean McCann of Great Big Sea wrote Proud because of how Canadians responded to the Fort McMurray wildfires.

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Proud of Canadian compassion

MUSIC

Sean McCann inspired by reaction after Fort Mac fire

Sean McCann of Canadian folk rock band Great Big Sea watched the Fort McMurray wildfire from afar, but his emotions were running high — so he decided to write a song.

Amid destruction in the northern Alberta city, McCann says he was inspired by the way Canadians united to help their fellow citizens.

His upbeat folk song, Proud (To Be a Canadian), has been released for free in partnership with the Red Cross. It pays tribute to those who responded with open arms in a time of crisis.

The wildfires wiped out thousands of homes in May and forced a citywide evacuation that lasted a month.

McCann says his feelings of despair over the situation drove him to pick up a pen, and once the song was on paper, he contacted fellow musician Jeremy Fisher to help him in the studio.

When Proud was finished, the duo began to brainstorm ideas for what to do with it. They decided to reach out to the Red Cross, which gladly agreed to distribute the song on its website.

McCann hopes Proud will help keep attention on Fort McMurray as the community deals with its long recovery process.

"This is primarily a thank you for the work that has been done," he says. "I wrote it out of love and I wrote it because that's what I do, I'm a songwriter."

> **This is primarily a thank you for the work that has been done**
> Musician Sean McCann

The musician also hopes the song will inspire Canadians to celebrate the spirit of generosity, and that perhaps some will even sing the song around a campfire on Canada Day.

"Not every country does that for its people when things go wrong, especially in this day in age," McCann says of the rescue efforts.

"I just felt really proud to be a Canadian. For the first time I realized what it meant."

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Singer-songwriters, from left, Laura Veirs, k.d. lang and Neko Case pose for a photo in Portland, Ore. The three musicians released a new album Case/lang/Veirs on Friday. DON RYAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Constant Craving to create delays lang's retirement

ALBUM

Alberta artist is back with a little help from her friends

Sometimes k.d. lang is ready to wind up her singing career and ease into retirement, but then inspiration strikes for a new project.

That's what happened when she dreamt up the new Case/lang/Veirs album about three years ago. Envisioned as a collaboration with folk artists Neko Case and Laura Veirs, lang tapped out an email to her friends and suggested the trio get together to record some cover songs.

Within half an hour of sending the message, both other singers were on board with the idea. "It was really easy," lang says of making the pitch. "(But) we decided instead of a cover record, we felt it was an absolute necessity to write it." Veirs and lang committed to working together in person, since they both lived in Portland, while Case joined them mostly to provide vocals.

"We sang it in the same room, we wrote it in the same room," lang, 54, says. "So old-fashioned."

Tradition is something lang became accustomed to while growing up in Consort, Alta., where her family's home was rich with music. Her siblings were all trained classical pianists and she fondly remembers her mother playing Peter and the Wolf and the Sound of Music before bedtime.

In her waking hours, lang spent time flipping through her older sister's vinyl collection. "A 12-inch album cover was like a portal into a world," she says.

Her teenage years were filled with music from genre pioneers like the Flying Burrito Brothers and Delaney & Bonnie who bridged the gap between rock and country. A gift of Patsy Cline albums gave lang the final push to explore country music further — and eventually form the Reclines, a band which started as a tribute to the American country star.

Two years later lang was picked as most promising female vocalist at the 1985 Junos on the strength of her debut A Truly Western Experience with the Reclines.

When Nashville came knocking, the singer quickly learned that U.S. record executives wanted her to wear the boots of a more mainstream country singer — less punk and more pop. Instead of following the industry's vision, lang decided to revisit her earlier influences.

She would win her first Grammy a few years later in 1989 for a duet of Crying with Roy Orbison, and picked up another the following year for her album Absolute Torch And Twang.

Her rise would instantly expose her to a different world where casual encounters with Naomi Campbell and dinners with Gianni Versace were commonplace. "When I look back at it I think, wow, it seems so far-fetched," she says.

But underneath the glamour of the time, the HIV/AIDS crisis was tearing through the arts scene. Lang says she remembers frequently discussing the crisis with close friend and fashion photographer Herb Ritts and labelmate Madonna.

> **We sang it in the same room. We wrote it in the same room. So old fashioned.**
> k.d lang on her new album Case/lang/Veirs

"At the time you're kids playing celebrity," lang says. "We all knew we had a social responsibility to make some inroads and strides in acceptance." When radical activist group Queer Nation began publicly outing celebrities in the early '90s, a panic swept through the entertainment industry.

Even though lang told her family at 17 she was a lesbian, she says coming out publicly "felt like it was the most responsible thing for society and myself."

Sitting down with LGBTQ magazine the Advocate for their June 1992 issue, she addressed the question she knew they'd ask— and it pushed her even further into the global spotlight.

Her single Constant Craving from Ingenue took off, becoming the biggest hit of her career, and its lyrics became a talking point about her sexuality. The famous Vanity Fair cover with supermodel Cindy Crawford followed the next year.

Despite the sales boosts, lang found it painful to watch her career writhe on the narrative of her new public persona and sexual identity. "I thought music should be able to rise above all of that." When her followup All You Can Eat landed with a thud on the album charts, lang decided it was time to regroup. She stopped chasing the celebrity lifestyle and took up Buddhism.

In the subsequent two-plus decades since Ingenue, she's impressed critics with seven albums, a Grammy-winning collaboration with Tony Bennett, and zeitgeist moments like performing Leonard Cohen's Hallelujah at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics. She's also tried to digest her feelings about coming out publicly. "It's a very hard thing to unravel for me and decipher," she says. "In a way you can't. It's all just a big ball of wax of who I am and what my role in popular culture was — and what pop culture's role was in me.

"Now I have my music and the part of coming out," she says. "I kind of like where I'm at."

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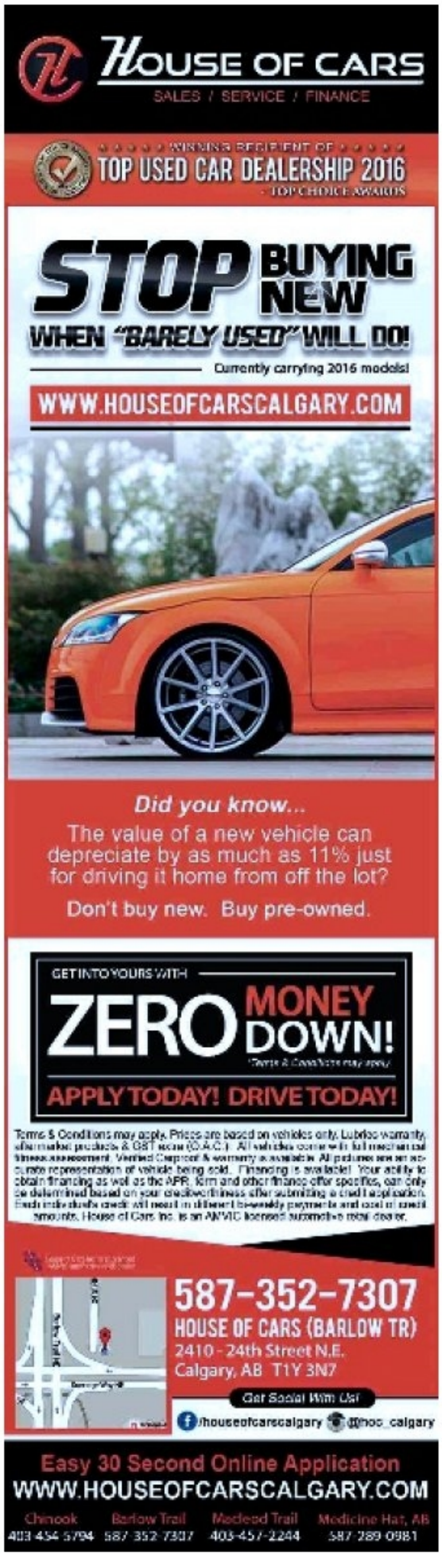

TV

News show 16X9 set to be axed by Corus

Corus Entertainment has cancelled the Global TV investigative news program 16X9 after eight seasons.

News boss Troy Reeb made the announcement in a memo issued to staff on Tuesday, noting it's "purely a business decision" and not a reflection of the work done on the show.

Host of 16X9 Carolyn Jarvis will take on the role of chief investigative correspondent for a new "network investigations unit to work with local teams across all platforms, including radio."

2008

The year that Global's investigative news show first hit our screens. Since then host Carolyn Jarvis and co. enjoyed eight seasons on air.

Corus recently bought Global TV owner Shaw Media for $2.65 billion in cash and shares.

The show had been airing since 2008 and won numerous honours, including two Canadian Screen Awards, dozens of RTDNA awards, a Bronze World Medal at the 2015 New York Festivals awards, and the prestigious Beyond Borders award among others.

"Today, we announced changes across the news organization designed to build audience across all platforms and focus our teams on high-quality, original storytelling," said Reeb, senior vice president of news, radio and station operations, in the memo.

"As audiences adjust to new ways of consuming information, we are confident the new structure being introduced will ensure the long-term sustainability of Global News and our local station brands."

He added: "We want to acknowledge that some valued members of our team have been impacted by today's changes, and thank them for their contributions to our company and dedication to our audience."

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Yank vs. Brit fun with an edge

THE SHOW: Houdini & Doyle S1, E7 (Global)
THE MOMENT: The 'real' Sherlock

Houdini and Doyle with Stephen Mangan as Arthur Conan Doyle and Michael Weston as famous escape artist Harry Houdini. CONTRIBUTED

Harry Houdini (Michael Weston) and Arthur Conan Doyle (Stephen Mangan, Episodes) enter a madhouse, accompanied by a doctor. Mentally ill patients rave. One makes a beeline for Doyle.

"We meet at last," the patient says. "My name is Holmes. Sherlock Holmes."

"We currently have three patients with that same delusion," the doctor whispers.

"By all laws of logic, two of us must be wrong," Faux-Holmes says, eyes fixed on Doyle. "At least!" Houdini says, enjoying this. "I bet you have a lot "I'm honoured you like the character," Doyle says to "Holmes."

"Actually, I plan to take legal action," Holmes retorts.

"I'll alert my solicitor," Doyle says. "That's right, mock the luntic," Holmes says. "You didn't make me, I made you."

This series, in which the American magician and British author team up with a policewoman (Rebecca Liddiard) to solve supernatural mysteries, has the same set-up as The X-Files: Houdini is a skeptic, Doyle a believer. But it's set a century earlier, and lightened by its Yank vs. Brit drollery (Mangan especially has fun with Doyle's reserve).

The stories fold up neatly as a brolly. Under the pip-pip language, however, the themes are contemporary. Crooks try to spook and scam the innocent.

The ignorant and classist marginalize people through racism and sexism. This episode even flicks at celebrity culture — the mass comfort, and mass delusion, it provides. Houdini & Doyle is a cozy cup of tea in TV form, but it's spiked with a wee drop of something stronger.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

Musicians are dashing fans' greet expectations

MUSIC

Drake, Bieber, Selena Gomez cooling on fan schmoozes

It's starting to feel as though the celebrity meet-and-greet could soon meet its end.

Last week, Drake reportedly cancelled the pre-show fan confabs from his upcoming Summer Sixteen tour (tickets for which ran $1,000 US).

He follows in the standoffish footsteps of Justin Bieber, who cancelled meet-and-greets on his Purpose tour for reasons relating to both security and spirituality.

Selena Gomez also recently expressed exasperation with lax security and fans not keeping their hands to themselves. And after singer Christina Grimmie was killed this month signing autographs after a show, one surely imagines fresh scrutiny being applied to the practice of allowing any stranger with a four-figure bank account to cosy up to a star.

But indulging fans' desire for a brush with fame (no touching!) is a lucrative business. Could the cash-starved music industry really sacrifice the golden goose that is allowing fans in for a gander?

"This really may be the end of the paid-for meet-and-greet package that artists have relied on to generate an excessive amount of money," says Roz Weston, senior entertainment reporter at ET Canada.

"Meet-and-greets were a fantastic way to make extra cash and that's all they were. For most artists, it's never been a way to connect with their fans, no matter what they say."

As just one example, Host VIP is handling the boutique packages for Demi Lovato and Nick Jonas's July 23 gig at Toronto's Air Canada Centre. And apparently, VIP status has many different levels, levels, levels, levels.

A mere $300 gets you a photo with Lovato and swag. For $1,125, you get "lounge platform" access and two photos with Lovato (professional and Polaroid). Splurge for the $2,630 package and you and a guest can — seriously — play ping pong against Jonas. Upgrading to the $7,515 ultimate package entitles you and three guests to a chat and photo session with Jonas and Lovato in your own backstage dressing room? None of those packages includes a ticket.

Justin Bieber cancelled his meet-and-greets, calling the experience "draining." RYAN EMBERLEY PHOTOS/FILE PHOTO

Selena Gomez warned, while in Calgary last month, that she would have to stop meeting fans before her shows if they couldn't be "contained." INSTAGRAM/@SELENAGOMEZ

But surely celebrities wouldn't dash the Forbes-list implications of these meetings unless they truly were dispiriting.

According to Weston and ET Canada, Drake didn't cancel his meet-and-greets but, in fact, never offered to do them in the first place. Either way, his views on the custom are clear.

And Bieber memorably said he felt "drained and unhappy" after the fan huddles.

"I always leave feeling mentally and emotionally exhausted to the point of depression," he wrote.

With her own, slightly less florid Instagram post, the diminutive Gomez posted a photo of herself surrounded by a crush of eager Calgary fans pressing against a flimsy barricade. With it, she warned she might stop the encounters "because your safety is a priority."

And following the incident with Grimmie, expect more stars to take precautions.

"There aren't a lot of people who work security who want the person they protect to even do meet-and-greets," Weston said.

In his rendezvous resignation, Bieber mentioned growing tired of the "pressure of meeting people's expectations." He felt that pressure again when, after his ban, he was photographed meeting Wayne Gretzky's daughter and a minor uproar ensued.

Well, Bieber is still probably allowed to meet people. But as far as meeting-and-greeting, that perk might soon be limited to those who are not only VIP, but also A-list.

"What will go away are the $1,000-$2,000 meet-and-greet packages that anybody can buy," Weston said. "I can't see that kind of world of meet-and-greets continuing the way they are."

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GOSSIP BRIEFS

Miss Teen USA pageant replacing swimsuit section with athletic wear

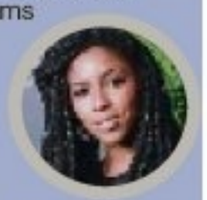
The Miss Teen USA pageant is dropping the swimsuit portion of its competition.

The Miss Universe organization announced Wednesday that the pageant will replace the bathing suit section with an athletic wear competition. The 2016 Miss Teen USA pageant will be held in Las Vegas on July 30. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Williams leaving Daily Show

Jessica Williams is leaving as a correspondent on Comedy Central's The Daily Show this week after four years.

The network said Wednesday that 26-year-old comic Williams (pictured) will be concentrating on a new scripted show that she's developing for Comedy Central. That development deal had been announced this spring, for a show that Williams is to both write and star in.



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Corb Lund 'proud' of Albertans

MUSIC

Frontman discusses Fort Mac benefit gig

Alberta honky tonker Corb Lund admitted he was a bit nervous to be co-hosting a benefit concert for victims of the Fort McMurray wildfire. But he's determined to help in the one way he can. "Whenever these kinds of things happen, you sort of pitch in," says Lund. "If I drove a backhoe, I'd do that. But I play music."

> **Whenever these kinds of things happen, you sort of pitch in.**
> Corb Lund

Lund was set to host the Fire Aid concert with Great Big Sea frontman Alan Doyle in Edmonton on Wednesday night. Other artists included Blue Rodeo, Dean Brody, Randy Bachman and Nickelback. Lund said he also planned to play a few songs with Ian Tyson.

All proceeds raised from the event at Commonwealth Stadium are to benefit the Fort McMurray United Way to support the city's efforts to rebuild.

More than 80,000 people were forced from their homes on May 3 by the wildfire that spread through the oilsands capital. About 2,400 homes and buildings were destroyed. Lund was in Italy when the destruction happened. He credits its residents for handling the evacuation as well as possible, along with firefighters who battled the massive blaze and worked to save 90 per cent of the city.

The country crooner said raising funds for Fort McMurray is great, but it's even more important to show people affected by the fire that Canada cares about them. Other fundraisers and concerts have also been held across the country. People in Alberta have been especially caring, Lund says.

"It kind of sounds a little cornball — it makes me proud about people here." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Corb Lund of the Hurtin' Albertans was set to host the Fire Aid concert with Great Big Sea frontman Alan Doyle on Wednesday in Edmonton. AARON HARRIS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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TOYS

Experts praise range but raise concerns over one-size bodies

Victoria Stamirowski, 8, left, and Robert R., 6, right, play with DC Comics Super Hero Girls (inset) at Jamie Bell Adventure Playground in High Park, Toronto. NICK KOZAK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Things are looking a little more super in the girls' toy market.

A line of colourful Super Hero Girls dolls from Mattel, the toy giant behind Barbie, is coming to Canada soon. Toy and gender experts are celebrating the new collection for showcasing female super heroes — but say the dolled-up heroes aren't exactly shattering gender stereotypes.

Hitting shelves July 1 at major retailers including Walmart and Loblaws, the line ties in to an animated web series and line of books, along with matching costumes and accessories, and features the likes of Wonder Woman, Supergirl, Batgirl, Harley Quinn, Bumblebee, Poison Ivy, and Katana.

South of the border, where the dolls are already on sale for upwards of $30 execs at DC Entertainment think the DC Super Hero Girls could be a $1 billion brand.

"They seem to be about being strong, and active, and engaged, which I think is a strong alternative to the beauty-focused toys out there," says Elizabeth Sweet, an expert on gender in the toy market and a lecturer in the University of California, Davis department of sociology.

Even so, "beauty still plays a role," she says. It's something Katharine Bausch, an assistant professor in Trent University's department of gender and women's studies, noticed as well. "I'm a little thrown by the body shape of the toys," she says. "I'm not super surprised, but they all seem to have the same body — they've just swapped the clothes."

Marissa Beck, a spokesperson for Mattel, says the new line is meant to be different from a lot of the "fashion dolls" out there.

The DC Super Hero Girls are more muscular, she notes, and capable of standing on their own and bending their joints. And, she adds, they're not "pink-washed" — instead rocking outfits true to their superhero roots, with most of them wearing leggings and pants instead of skirts.

In a similar vein, the toy giant's latest Barbie is a hip-looking game developer clad in faded jeans and sneakers.

Hitting Canadian retailers in August, the STEM-employed doll is meant to show young girls that they can "be anything." The doll sold out in the U.S.

Still, when it comes to the DC Super Hero Girls line, Sweet's main qualm is that it's only being marketed to girls, saying "boys really need to see that kind of thing too."

Jess Day, a campaigner with Let Toys Be Toys, a U.K.-based campaign to take gender out of the toy industry, agrees. "We see a problem that girls need a separate set of superheroes, and exist separately from the boys'."

Let Toys Be Toys has been fighting against gendered toys since 2012, and they've had some degree of success; more than a dozen retailers in the U.K., for instance, have ended the practice of having "boys" and "girls" sections in toy stores.

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DOLLS REIMAGINED

Lammily
Designed two years ago by graphic artist Nickolay Lamm, are realistic dolls dubbed the "normal Barbie." Accessory packs include body marks like tattoos and moles, and a period kit with colourful pads and pantiliners.

Malaville
The debut collection of Malaville dolls, designed by doll collector Mala Bryan, features four shades of brown skin-toned fashion dolls with Afro and curly hair. Bryan says she wanted to create dolls for black and brown children to relate to.

Lakeshore Learning Materials
This equipment set for a multi-ethnic doll collection from Lakeshore Learning Materials allows kids to learn about special needs by equipping their dolls with canes, hearing aids, protective helmets, and more.

Barbie Fashionistas
The iconic Barbie doll got a makeover for Mattel's 2016 Fashionistas collection, featuring different skin tones, hairstyles, and body types — including tall, curvy, and petite. (The "original" body type is still available, too.)

If cat cafés OK, why not pooch patios

LIFESTYLE

Canadians look with envy to eateries where dogs can hang

Something as simple as stopping for a drink on a patio or grabbing an ice cream cone during a summer stroll is a challenge for dog-lover Carola Rong.

A recent craving forced the 25-year-old Toronto medical student to get a stranger to hold her pup while she dashed inside for a treat. It was better than trying to sneak the dog into the shop, which she admits she's done when grabbing a coffee at Starbucks.

"They're not really happy with dogs inside," Rong says with a grimace after retrieving her two-year-old French bulldog and sitting on an outdoor bench to enjoy her cone.

Rong and other Canadian dog owners are no doubt envious of the pooch-tolerant cultures that exist in many other parts of the world. Many of London's famous pubs allow dogs inside, and in Paris, dogs routinely visit cafs, bakeries and even fine dining eateries sans probleme.

Closer to home, new rules were recently enacted in New York City allowing bars and restaurants to legally welcome doggy diners onto their patios.

In Toronto, it's a provincial law that puts Rong and other urban pet owners on a constant search for eateries with outdoor spaces enclosed by leash-friendly railings, so they can park their pal on the other side of a fence while they imbibe on a patio.

Restaurants in New Brunswick don't have to allow dogs on the patio, but like New York, they have the option to do so, said a provincial spokesman.

Alberta takes a middling approach by allowing business owners to request permission to welcome pets — which has resulted in cats, birds, fish and dogs in a range of food-permitted facilities across the province including a social care facility, restaurant, and water bottling facility.

Dr. Kathryn Koliaska, the province's lead medical officer for environmental public health, says the approval process is "quite rigorous."

In Calgary, dogs can sit on the patio of Ranchman's Cookhouse and Dancehall as long as their owners have proof of their rabies shots and vaccinations.

The eatery boasts a leash hitch on every table, water and kibble table service, and a fenced-off area for dogs to do their business.

Owner and dog-lover Harris Dvorkin says he sought approval after seeing too many animals left out in the parking lot.

"What used to drive me nuts, probably all my life, is seeing people in the club and the dog is in the damn car and they've got the windows up. Or they got them in the back of the truck," says Dvorkin.

Of course, having dogs on a patio is not for everyone.

It took just one anonymous complaint to end nearly two decades of welcoming four-legged patrons at The French Baker in Ottawa, says chef and co-owner Scott Adams. He says the crackdown took away what made them unique and hurt the Parisian ambience they were after.

Quebec City restaurateur Kevin Quinn displays a laissez faire attitude about pets on the patio of his Cafe-Terrasse La Nouvelle-France.

Quinn says customers seem to love his policy, especially since many are tourists who travel with their pets and otherwise would have few options to dine with their four-legged companion.

His best customers include a couple with three golden Labs. "They order five meals," says Quinn. "Depending I guess on their finances, they'll order steak or hamburger steak for the dogs." He says it works well for him.

"We've never had a problem with it, ever." THE CANADIAN PRESS

WELCOME PAWS

Some patios across Canada that welcome you and Fido:

- **New Brunswick:** Pets allowed on most patios.
- **Quebec City:** Café-Terrasse La Nouvelle-France welcomes pets on the patio.
- **Toronto:** There's pet-friendly seating at Purina Pawsway next to William's Fresh Café. In the east end, Tom&Sawyer serves up food for pets and coffee for humans.
- **Calgary:** Ranchman's Cookhouse and Dancehall allows dogs on the patio with proof of rabies shots.

Harley, a three-month-old Border Collie Lab cross, relaxes on the Ranchman's Cookhouse patio in Calgary. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Meaghan Benfeito and Zorro. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Behold the bark of Zorro

PROUST QUESTIONNAIRE

Meet Olympic diver Meaghan Benfeito and her black pug

Most adoring pet owners would do anything for their cherished companions, but could they speak for their furry or feathered or finned friends and tell us what they are thinking? To find out, we're putting pet owners to the test with the personality questionnaire made famous by French novelist Marcel Proust.

Meet Meaghan Benfeito and Zorro. As a member of Canada's Diving Team competing at the Rio Games this summer, Benfeito's rigorous training schedule leaves little time for other pursuits, much to Zorro's chagrin. Zorro has no interest in athletic pursuits, and considers lounging on the couch, eating VitaLife sweet potato and duck twists while watching cartoons the best way to expend his energy.

That being said, Zorro encourages you to cheer on two-time Olympian, Benfeito, as she goes for gold at the 2016 Summer Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro on Aug. 9, 17 and 18.

What is Zorro's current state of mind?
I would say relaxed. He's not a hyperactive dog, he's pretty calm — even during the photo shoot just now — but he did need his apple and banana cookies to get through it!

What is Zorro's most treasured possession?
It's actually a beige pug and we call her Darla. She's a stuffed toy that he sleeps with and plays with constantly. He just loves her.

Which talent would Zorro most like to have?
Probably to be able to talk. When we talk to him he always barks back, trying to talk (to us).

Who is Zorro's hero of fiction?
Thomas the Tank Engine. When my godson, Teagan, comes over Zorro sits on the couch with him and they watch it (on television) together.

What is Zorro's most marked characteristic?
He likes people that cuddle him, but with my dad, he prefers to sit beside him on the couch, or cuddle by his feet or legs. He only allows my mom, or me, or my sisters to actually hold him.

What is Zorro's greatest fear?
He's afraid of bottles — plastic bottles. As soon as he sees a Sprite bottle or big water bottle or things like that, he doesn't like those.

Who or what is the greatest love of Zorro's life?
My mom. He's really attached to her — she's the one that feeds him and wakes him up in the morning. Not that I don't do it, I just don't have as much time as she does. He follows her everywhere, and waits for her at the door when she comes back from work. He's a momma's boy!

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CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

Author of popular kids sleep story for to release new book

The author of the million-selling bedtime story The Rabbit Who Wants to Fall Asleep is now hoping to find the same magic with the story of an elephant.

American and British divisions of Penguin Random House announced Wednesday that Swedish author and behavioural scientist Carl-Johan Forssen Ehrlin's The Little Elephant Who Wants to Fall Asleep will come out in October, no doubt to the relief of tired parents and sleepless children around the world.

The Rabbit Who Wants to Falls Asleep was initially self-published and became a word-of-mouth hit, with grateful parents leading the way.

Penguin Random House acquired it in 2015 for distribution.

With the new book, Ehrlin is again drawing upon "child-tested, parent-approved techniques" for getting kids to sleep, the publisher said.

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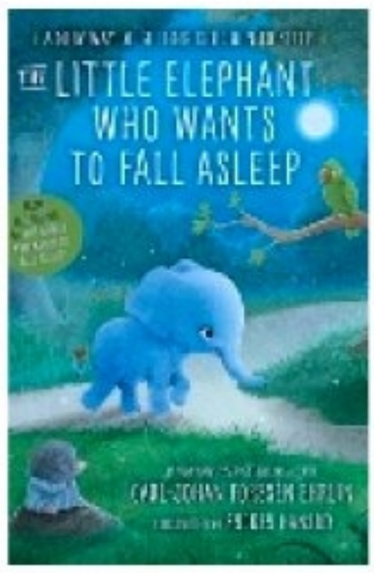

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Doc proves there's plenty of Spirit left

FILM

John Mann's Alzheimers does not mean memories lost

As Jill Daum watched her husband John Mann play one final show with his Spirit of the West bandmates back in April, any feelings of sadness were washed away by the warmth of the crowd.

The emotional performance offered some solace during what has been a challenging time for Spirit of the West — particularly Mann and his family.

In 2014, the frontman was diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's disease at age 52.

"There was this tsunami wave of love that was so uplifting," Daum recalled of the Vancouver band's performance in front of hometown fans at the Commodore Ballroom.

"John says that he is fortunate in an unfortunate way. We really feel that way, with the way that fans have been so supportive and have been giving him so much love.

"People were beaming. Like, smiling, just grinning from ear to ear, with their fists in the air throughout the whole concert. It was really uplifting. We thought it was going to be sad. It wasn't at all."

The band's story and Mann's battle with the disease are chronicled in the documentary Spirit Unforgettable, which airs Friday on HBO Canada and first screened during the recent Hot-Docs festival in Toronto

The film charts the launch and evolution of the group, which formed in 1983.

Through archival footage and interviews, viewers follow the band as they cross continents to record and perform their unique mashup of Celtic, folk, rock and punk, including the sing-along pub favourite Home for a Rest.

Spirit Unforgettable also tracks their preparations for a goodbye concert at historic Toronto concert venue Massey Hall — all the more poignant given Mann's diagnosis and the toll the disease has taken on his health and ability to perform.

Daum said she was particularly moved by a moment in the documentary when Paul Hyde of the Payolas performs a favourite song of Mann's: I Miss My Mind The Most.

"When he got diagnosed with Alzheimer's, it was something we said in the house all of the time: 'Of all the things I miss, I miss my mind the most,"' Daum said.

"It just chokes me up right now even just to talk about it," she added, her voice quivering. "Having Paul sing that song for John to him like that, I just love that."

The film also offers its share of levity, including many moments that had Daum in stitches.

"I laughed a lot about some of John's hairdos. I laughed a lot about the outfits.

"The camaraderie and the humour of the band, to me, really is the story of this film. How these fellows band together and support each other in adversity, I just think is stunningly beautiful."

Daum also used her own art to help find catharsis. She worked on a script for a play entitled Forget About Tomorrow, about a family coping with Alzheimer's.

"That's been really therapeutic for John and I to feel like we could take what we were going through and put it into a piece of work that other people could benefit from," she said.

"We really worked hard to find a lot of humour as well, but also to find the words about what the experience is like both for the caregiver and the person that develops the disease."

Spirit Unforgettable will re-air on HBO Canada on July 4 and July 7.

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Jill Daum and her husband John Mann, lead singer of Spirit of the West. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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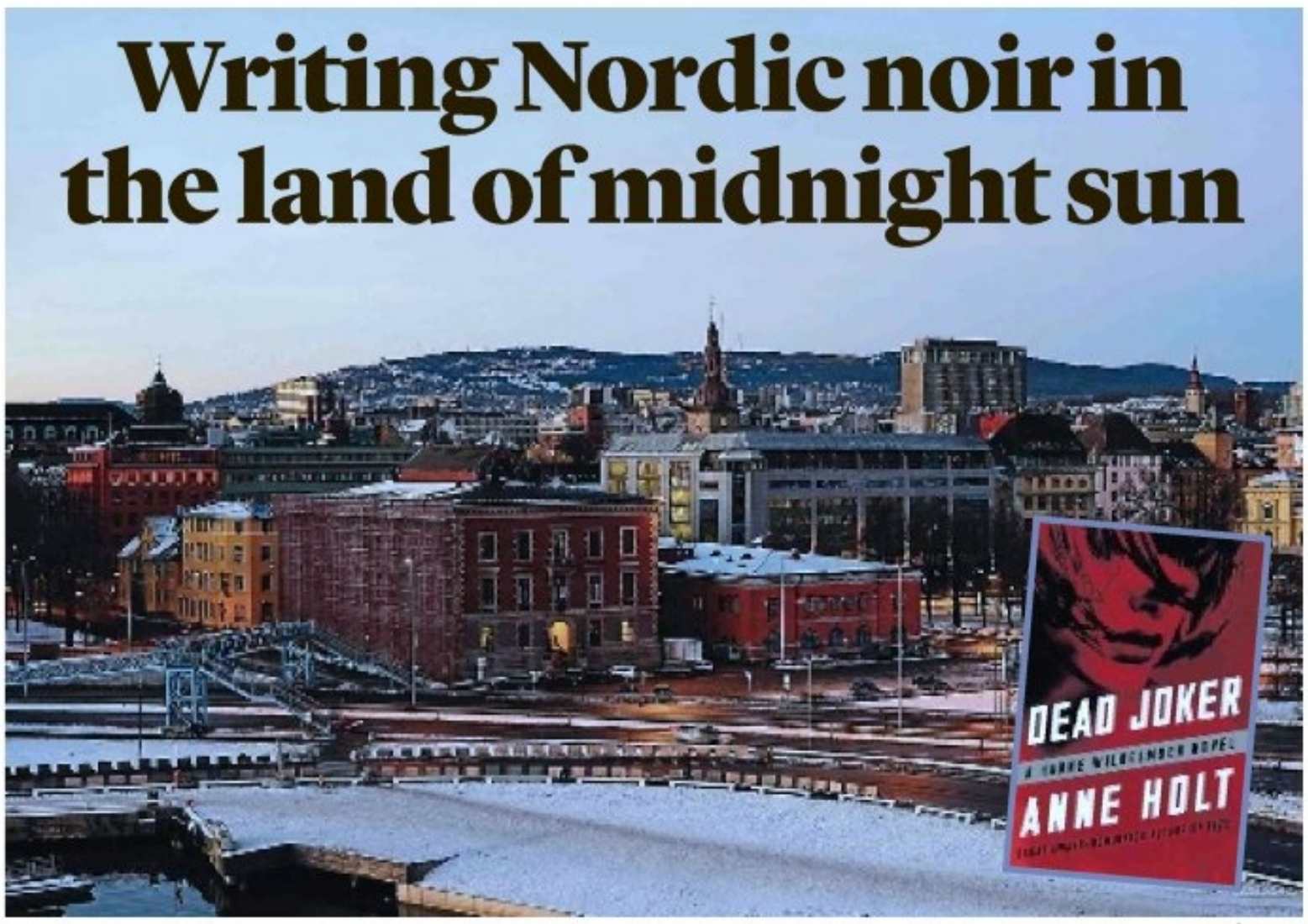

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CRIME

Anne Holt's newest book is being released this summer

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Scandinavian crime novels have a special appeal to non-Nordic readers. Densely atmospheric, a sub-Arctic chill creeps into the stories and darkness descends on the characters like winter twilight.

They have their own genre: Nordic Noir. Stieg Larsson's original Millenium Trilogy is one of the best known. But other Scandinavian writers are getting noticed. Among them: Anne Holt, currently published in 25 countries.

Known as the "godmother of modern Norwegian crime fiction," her fictional detective Hanne Wilhelmsen has been solving crimes since the '90s. Demand for her books soared four years ago. That's when her novel 1222 was shortlisted for an Edgar Award (like a Pulitzer prize for crime writers).

Her fifth book — Dead Joker — comes out in Canada on July 26, with two to follow later this year.

Metro sat down with Holt at U.K.'s Crimefest to do a little detective work on how she got into crime writing, and why Nordic Noir is such a phenomenon.

"It's marketing, hyping," says Holt. "Pure luck."

That would be the assessment of a woman who, like her character Hanne Wilhelmsen, is a straight talker. Holt finds it ironic Stieg Larsson's books, which contributed to the craze, are considered Nordic Noir.

"He wrote in the American tradition," she says. "In the Scandinavian tradition, you would never have a character like Liz Salander. She's like a modern Marvel character."

She adds that the crimes she writes about are more realistic than those in the Millenium series. Holt should know. A lawyer and former journalist, she was also Norway's Minister of Justice in the late '90s. Her characters, and plots, are drawn from real life.

Moreover, unlike the Millenium books, Holt doesn't engage in what some call "violence porn." There's only one rape scene in her 23 books.

"To describe a crime is easy," she says. "But to sit down and write how a victim of sexual violence feels after that is a challenge."

Holt's Oslo-based heroine Hanne Wilhelmsen makes her living getting into people's heads, but allows few others into her own. That's how readers, and not her colleagues, come to learn about Hanne's relationship with Cecilie.

"She's just as reluctant to share that she loves pancake for breakfast as she is sharing her sexuality."

While the real-life author does not conceal personal details — she has a happy family life with partner Tine Kjæ and their daughter — Anne Holt prefers private time. She writes about four hours a day and takes 10 weeks of vacation every summer.

Her characters may know how to kill, but Anne Holt knows how to live. So very Scandinavian.

> **In the Scandinavian tradition, you would never have a character like Liz Salander. She's like a modern Marvel character**
> Norwegian author Anne Holt

SEQUEL

Rowling's latest set in Massachusetts

J.K. Rowling's latest tale of wizardry is set atop the mountains in Massachusetts.

The second installment in a collection called Magic in North America describes a secret wizarding school located at the peak of Mount Greylock in the Berkshires.

The story was published Tuesday on Rowling's Pottermore site.

The tale, Ilvermorny School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, provides the backstory for the North American school of magic, founded in the 17th century.

An orphaned Irish girl sails across the ocean on the Mayflower to Massachusetts, where the school is established.

The story is a tie-in to the upcoming film Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them, scheduled for release Nov. 18.

The film is an adaptation of Rowling's book by the same name and is the author's screenwriting debut.

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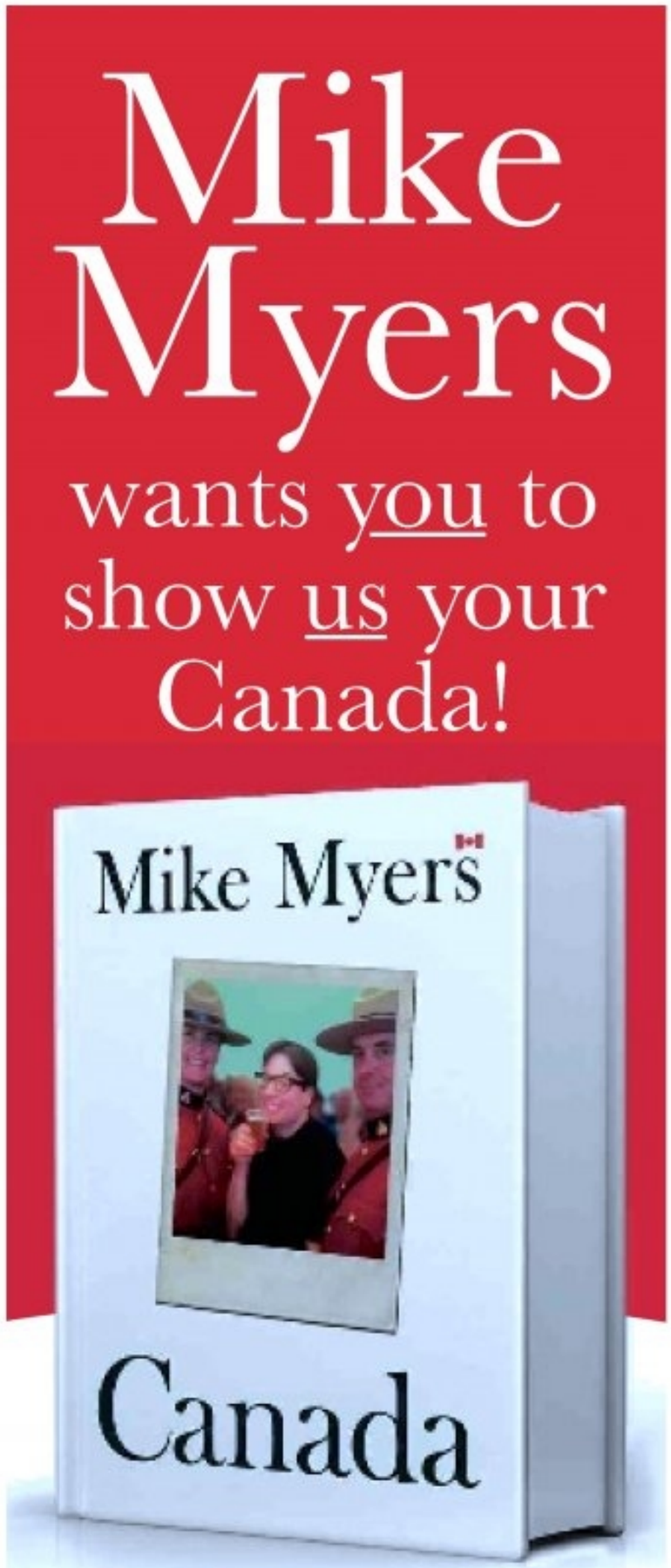

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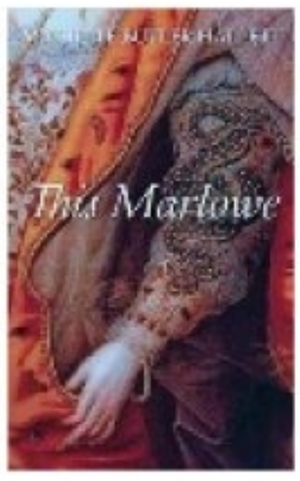
5 BOOKS TO SEE YOU THROUGH THE LONG WEEKEND

Just in time for Canada Day celebrations, here are five recent reads that travel the world — no passport or time machine required **SUE CARTER/FOR METRO CANADA**

1 A Different Kind of Daughter: The Girl Who Hid from the Taliban in Plain Sight by Maria Toorpakai and Katherine Holstein

Maria Toorpakai's story, and memoir, is nothing short of incredible. Born in 1990 in Pakistan, the athletic Toorpakai disguised herself as a boy, changed her name to Changez Khan, and became a street fighter before eventually training as a weight lifter. Toorpakai later discovered an immense talent and love for the game of squash, but in order to play she had to reveal her gender, which made her a target for the Taliban. Thanks to her supportive father and coach, Canadian player Jonathon Power, Toorpakai — who trains in Toronto — is now one of the top 50 players in the world, and a dedicated activist for women's rights.



2 This Marlowe by Michelle Butler Hallett

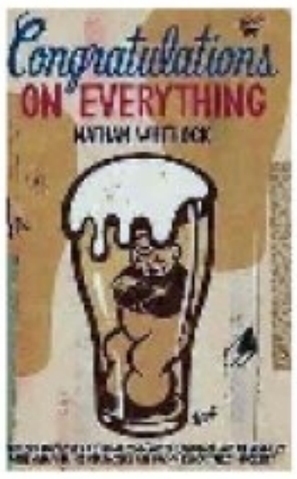
Before Willie Shakespeare, there was Christopher Marlowe, a charismatic cobbler's son turned playwright — and purported British government spy. St. John's author Michelle Butler Hallett fictionalizes Marlowe's last months before his death in 1593, depicting a man torn between political and personal allegiances, and a country in turmoil (with eerie similarities to contemporary events). Hilary Mantel fans will want to pick up this historical novel by one of the East Coast's most underrated authors.

4 Do Not Say We Have Nothing by Madeleine Thien

Madeleine Thien's 2011 novel, Dogs at the Perimeter, was internationally lauded, and it's expected that her third novel will receive the same response. Do Not Say We Have Nothing follows two generations of two Chinese families through the 20th century, from Mao's Cultural Revolution to Tiananmen Square. This is an ambitious, beautifully written book, with layers of stories within stories and timeshifts ands slow savouring over the summer months.

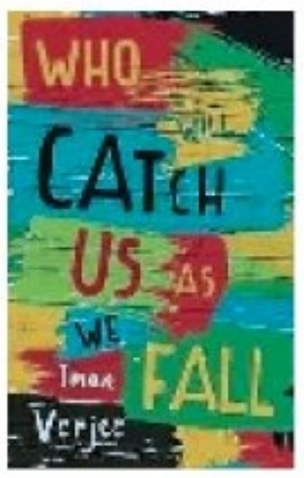
3 Congratulations on Everything by Nathan Whitlock

Making your way in the world today takes everything you've got, or so learns Jeremy, a schlubby, middle-aged Toronto bar owner whose most distinguishing feature is the heavy stock of keys he wears around his spreading waist. Jeremy's obsessive need to play the nice guy — coupled with his obsession with a self-help charlatan named Theo Hendra, and an increasingly unhealthy sense of pride — means Jeremy's beloved bar, the Ice Shack, is doomed. But Whitlock's darkly comic observations and sense of humanity keeps the story afloat.



5 Who Will Catch Us as We Fall by Iman Verjee

Set in the Kenyan capital of Nairobi, where Iman Verjee lived until 2014, Who Will Catch Us as We Fall examines tensions between the city's African and Indian communities through the eyes of a young woman named Leena, and of those with whom she comes in contact, including the son of her family's black maid and a corrupt cop. Verjee's fully drawn characters, observational talents and sense of place both educate and entertain.



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HOW TO BUY FLOORS FOR A SMALL SPACE

Not all condo floors are created equal. Some stand up to wear and tear better than others, with flooring that's specially suited for smaller spaces.

Luxury vinyl plank and luxury vinyl tile are two of the best options when you're choosing flooring for your condo, according to Sandy Sangster, an owner of Calgary Flooring Designs, a provider of high-quality flooring options in Calgary.

"LVP and LVT are the next generation of flooring because of their incredible versatility," she explains.

"They're scratch resistent, they're anti-microbial and they resist water like nobody's business," she says. "Luxury vinyl floors are perfect for an area in your home, like the kitchen. It could be where you get lots of foot traffic, where you have pets or kids scratching the floor or other types of wear and tear."

Another reason why luxury vinyl plank and tile is great for small spaces is because it can be purchased in modular pieces, which can be fitted or glued together to create your floor. You can purchase just enough to fit your floor space, rather than having to buy more than necessary and discard the excess, as you would with materials such as sheet vinyl.

Calgary Flooring Designs carries a wide range of LVT and LVP in a wide variety of designs to suit every room. They start at $2.50 per square foot. Visit the Calgary Flooring Designs showroom at 105G 58 Ave SE, Calgary.

Canada, it's time to celebrate

FIREWORKS

Find one of the 1,368 Canada Day events all over the country

Jennifer Taplin

Winnipeg: home of the largest living flag. CONTRIBUTED

It's a day to celebrate what we have in common: a shared love of country, cultures and history. But each community wears the patriotism a little differently on July 1st. The Department of Canadian Heritage has a listing of 1,368 Canada Day events happening in communities big and small across the country. While it's pretty much a guarantee there will be cake, singing O Canada and enough fireworks to light up North America, some cities also throw in some unique Canada Day events.

Welcome to Winnipeg: home of the largest living flag.

Inviting folks to dress in red or white and then arranging them in the shape of the flag actually started in Victoria but Winnipeg took the idea and ran with it. Last year more than 3,800 people created a living flag in Shaw Park.

"They're bringing their best patriotic attire to assemble into basically one of Canada's largest living flags and at a really cool downtown location," said Rose Dominguez, with Downtown Winnipeg BIZ.

People show up an hour or two early, many are given T-shirts, and a local band helps to get the crowd pumped up.

"We have a singer who we bring up on one of the lifts we use to take the photo to sing O Canada and the whole crowd jumps in a creates this energy."

It's also a friendly competition with Victoria, Calgary, Langley, and Ottawa, which Winnipeg dominates, Dominguez said.

It must be hard not to feel a bit of ownership of Canada Day in Charlottetown, where confederation began.

Bob Doiron, Charlottetown councilor, said July 1st is a big day for the P.E.I. capital.

"Being the birthplace of confederation our residents are very proud of this and they enjoy the history," he said.

More than 25,000 people visit Charlottetown to celebrate with cake, a 21-gun salute, kids activities and a 10-hour concert

"At 10 p.m. we sing the national anthem and then we have a spectacular fireworks display and it's probably the biggest in Atlantic Canada."

How do they celebrate Canada Day in the nation's capital? In part, with aerial bombs.

Katherine Cyr, spokeswoman for the Department of Canadian Heritage, said about 350,000 people — a third of which are tourists — participate in Canada Day celebrations in Ottawa.

"Spending Canada Day in the capital region is just such a great feeling, there's so much going on, lots of streets are closed and it's just a big party."

And their fireworks show is not to be outdone. Cyr said this year they're having a pyro-musical (fireworks set to a soundtrack) and there will be over 2,000 aerial bombs.

"And 110 are the biggest allowed in Canada. It's going to be huge," she said.

Schedule your Canada Day festivities in Calgary

9 a.m.-11 p.m.
Chinatown. Enjoy cultural performances, activities, food and shopping, plus Sien Lok Park is a great spot to watch the fireworks.

9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Fort Calgary. Here you'll find a free pancake breakfast, live music and entertainment, crafts, petting zoo, dress-up like a Mountie, plus Indigenous arts and cultural sharing.

9 a.m.-4 p.m.
East Village Street Fair, Show and Shine and 5th Street Square. There are crafts and artisan vendors, Calgary's premier classic car show, children's activities and local performances.

10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Aboriginal Showcase and Powwow at Prince's Island Park. A celebration with storytelling, drumming and dancing.

10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Canadian Military at Prince's Island Park. See the interactive displays and meet members of the 41 Canadian Brigade Group, HMCS Tecumseh, Canadian Cadets, The Royal Canadian Legion and The Military Museum of Calgary.

10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Olympic Plaza. The historic downtown park will have a market, crafts, food trucks, busker and stage performances.

10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Studio Bell. To celebrate the opening of Studio Bell, home of the National Music Centre, there is free admission and Canada Day programming.

11 a.m.-8 p.m.
Downtown Calgary, Stephen Avenue Walk. This event features the local shops, restaurants, and patios, plus street vendors, buskers, entertainment and other special events.

11 a.m.-9 p.m.
Eau Claire Market. Here there is indoor and outdoor local music, jugglers, food trucks, an artisan market, beer garden and children's activities.

12-1 p.m.
Living Flag at Fort Calgary. The first 1,000 people will receive a free T-shirt and all participants are asked to wear red or white for the ultimate Canada Day selfie.

12-11 p.m.
Riverfront Avenue. Enjoy music, entertainment, family friendly activities, booths and food trucks. Performers include: Joel Plaskett Emergency, The Zolas, and The Grapes of Wrath.

12-6 p.m.
Get Active at Prince's Island Park. Calgary Recreation is offering a variety of active fun and games for children and 45-minute fitness classes for adults.

11 p.m.
Fireworks at Centre Street Bridge. The fireworks are set against the backdrop of Calgary's skyline. They will be synchronized with live music broadcast on 101.5 Kool FM and Wild 95.3 FM. The best viewing is along the Bow River corridor.

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MEET THE CONDO

Walk to the beach

SANDGATE IN MAHOGANY

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Project overview

A four-building condo development located in the heart of the city's Community of the Year, Mahogany Sandgate focuses on inspiring architecture, incredibly designed homes, and on-site amenity spaces that bring value and convenience home.

Housing amenities

Over 3,000 sq. ft. of landscaped greenspace extends living space outside, with a 1,300 sq. ft. fitness centre inside so that homeowners can work out right at home. The Great Lawn spans over 2,500 sq. ft. for residents to enjoy.

Location and transit

Conveniently located within walking distance of the beach, parks and pathways, is easily accessible. Transit already exists in Mahogany with the Green Line planned for the future. Stoney Tr., 52nd St., Macleod Tr. and Deerfoot Tr. are all within minutes.

In the neighbourhood

The community offers Calgary's largest lake and beachfront, a 22,000 sq. ft. Beach Club, 74 acres of wetlands, walking paths, greenspaces, gathering places and more. Mahogany Village Market is under construction, and will include a grocery store, coffee shops and restaurants.

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What's hot on the market

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1741 by Truman: This 56-unit recently unveiled four brand new show suites for potential buyers to browse in this popular inner-city community of Killarney. With an LRT station nearby and 17th Avenue just steps away, this is a great location. Visit the new Show Suites at 1741 26 St. S.W.

2 STILL SELLING

916 Memorial by Sable Developments: These unique 37-unit ReNew condos are perfectly located across from Peace Bridge in Sunnyside. One-bedroom units from the $200,000s; two-bedroom suites in the $300,000s. Check out the Show Suite at 916 Memorial Dr. N.W.

3 STILL SELLING

Avenue by Grosvenor and Cressey Development Group: These west-end Riverside homes provide beautiful views for residents and each unit comes with its own storage locker and parking stall. Visit the Presentation Centre at 1037 5th Ave. S.W.

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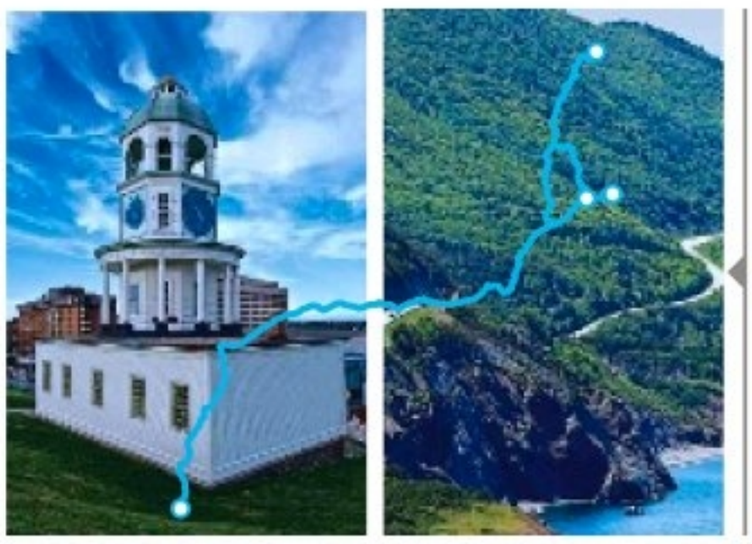
With the low loonie many Canadians are opting for staycations instead of heading abroad this summer. Load some podcasts, pack up a few snacks and hit the open highway to get the most for your hard-earned buck while exploring your glorious home and native land.

Melissa Dunne/For Metro

Vancouver to Tofino

Vancouverites can (momentarily) leave worries about soaring real estate prices behind and head to Tofino, B.C. Hop on the ferry to Nanaimo, then grab an ice cream cone at the Old Country Market in Coombs. Be sure to pack your bikini and binoculars for a day at Long Beach in Tofino, where you may spot a whale. On your return trip to Vancity hit up MacMillan Provincial Park before taking the ferry back to the city and the 9-5 grind.



Halifax to the Cabot Trail

Haligonians can hit the Trans-Canada Highway and head up to the Cabot Trail, N.S. Grab some suds from Big Spruce Brewing in Nyanza before heading over to the Alexander Graham Bell Historic Site in Baddeck to learn more about the inventor of the telephone. Make sure to allow a few days to drive the 580-kilometre Cabot Trail, where you can indulge in local mussels while taking in some folk music along the way before heading back.

Calgary to Jasper

Calgarians can get to Lake Louise, Alta. — which often looks as bright as a melted blue freezie pop — in about two hours. Channel your inner Trudeau (Pierre or Justin) and rent a canoe for the day when you get there. From there, drive up through Jasper National Park to the Miette Hot Springs. Depending on your affinity for the outdoors you can set up camp at the park, or rent a cabin near the hot springs. Cool off on your return to Calgary by driving through the jaw-dropping Icefields Parkway.

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Wave of deals rocks NHL

HOCKEY

Stamkos stays with Bolts, Subban and Hall traded

Fireworks popped off across the hockey world well before Canada Day and the annual start of NHL free agency.

Steven Stamkos agreed to remain in Tampa, P.K. Subban was dealt to Nashville for Shea Weber, and Taylor Hall was finally traded from Edmonton as the Oilers sought to rectify a long-standing issue on defence.

It was, all in all, one of the more thunderous days of activity in the recent history of the NHL, starting with Stamkos.

Lining up as the NHL's top available free agent heading into July 1, a 26-year-old who's produced more goals than any player but Alex Ovechkin since 2008, Stamkos opted to pull himself off the market, agreeing to remain with the Lightning on an eight-year deal.

The Markham, Ont., native could have chosen any number of NHL destinations, but the former No. 1 overall pick of the Lightning opted to remain in the only NHL home he's ever known, a place where his chances of continued success are perhaps best.

Tampa's roster is flooded with skilled, young talent, but also talent owed new contracts now or sometime soon. All of which made it imperative that Stamkos accept less than market rate, and that seems to be accomplished with a contract that comes with a reported $8.5-million US cap hit.

All-star blue-liners Shea Weber, left, and P.K. Subban are trading places. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

> **I just feel good knowing that a team has moved someone to bring me in because they want me.**
> P.K. Subban

While the Lightning stayed strong, two Canadian teams made risky bets.

Canadiens general manager Marc Bergevin insisted that he was not shopping Subban, only to flip him to the Predators for an aging Weber less than a week later.

It's an exchange that tilts strongly in Nashville's favour given the age and productivity of the two defencemen.

Subban is almost four years younger than the longtime Nashville captain and tops every defender but Erik Karlsson in terms of point production over the past five seasons. Underlying numbers also suggest that Weber, soon to be 31, has hit his peak and is trending downward in recent seasons.

Weber's contract, additionally, doesn't expire until 2026, carrying a $7.8-million cap hit, while Subban's deal expires in 2022, though holding an extra $1.2 million on the cap annually.

Steven Stamkos GETTY IMAGES

Taylor Hall, left, and Adam Larsson GETTY IMAGES

"I'm excited. I really am excited. I think this is fantastic," said Predators general manager David Poile, sounding almost giddy. "I'm a general manager but some day I would like to be a fan and this is a guy that I would pay money to see. He's exciting to watch."

Like Montreal, Edmonton made a dicey deal, losing the best player of a trade that sent Hall to New Jersey for 23-year-old Adam Larsson.

It was a deal aimed toward solving a long-standing need in Oiler country: Edmonton was searching for help on defence.

The Oilers are betting on the upside of Larsson, a player who's yet to find a groove in the NHL.

The fourth overall pick of the 2011 draft, Larsson averaged a career-high of more than 22 minutes last season, starting a large majority of his shifts against top talent in the defensive zone. He produced only 18 points and struggled in the puck possession game.

Still just 24, Hall scored 26 goals and 65 points last season, falling off some in the second half.

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IN BRIEF

Bouchard advances to 2nd round at Wimbledon

Montreal's Eugenie Bouchard moved on to the second round of Wimbledon after posting a 6-3, 6-4 win over Slovakia's Magdalena Rybarikova on Wednesday.

The match was completed at the covered centre court at the All England Club after rain postponed matches on outdoor courts for a second straight day.

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Sanchez pitches Jays past Rockies for series victory

Aaron Sanchez allowed one run in eight innings and Josh Donaldson homered to lead the Toronto Blue Jays to a 5-3 victory over the Colorado Rockies.

Sanchez (8-1) allowed six hits, struck out three and walked two in extending his unbeaten streak to 12 games.

The Jays won their first series ever in Denver and their first overall since June 13-16, against Philadelphia.

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Harrison wants evidence in NFL's drug probe

Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker James Harrison wants the NFL to provide "credible evidence" before he agrees to an interview with league officials regarding a media report that linked him and other players to the use of performance-enhancing drugs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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LPGA

Henderson reflects on whirlwind year

Brooke Henderson has come a long way since her win last year in Portland.

Back then she didn't even have LPGA Tour status. She was a Monday qualifier for the Portland Classic, urged to try for a spot in the field by her older sister.

She went on to become just the second Monday qualifier to win an LPGA event, winning by eight strokes.

She was just 17 years old.

"It's definitely been an incredible 18 months, turning pro at 17 and then didn't have status on the LPGA tour, and was trying to play my way into events and just trying to see what would happen," Henderson said. "I really took the best advantage of the opportunities I was given and I won here last year, which really changed my whole career."

The Smiths Falls, Ont., native has since climbed her way up the rankings, reaching No. 2. She's third on the money list this year. And she's got a major win — she won the Women's PGA Championship two weeks ago by defeating top-ranked Lydia Ko in a playoff.

Henderson is looking to win in Portland again this weekend.

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Arkadiusz Milik scores from the penalty spot against Switzerland. TOBIAS SCHWARZ/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Milik meets the master

EURO 2016 QUARTER-FINALS

Polish striker set for meeting with Portugal hero Ronaldo

Poland striker Arkadiusz Milik is looking forward to meeting one of his heroes in the European Championship quarter-finals: Portugal star Cristiano Ronaldo in Marseille.

The 22-year-old Ajax striker is also in close contact with another mentor, Dennis Bergkamp, who memorably showed how to score at the Stade Velodrome in a 1998 World Cup quarter-final win for the Netherlands over Argentina.

Arkadiusz Milik and Cristiano Ronaldo GETTY IMAGES

Milik admits he is still learning the striker's trade. He has found the net only once at Euro 2016 and has squandered a number of chances.

Ronaldo also had a slow start in France before scoring a memorable brace in Portugal's 3-3 draw with Hungary. The Real Madrid star now needs one goal to match Michel Platini's record of scoring nine goals in European Championship finals matches.

"I'm not hiding that it was only a few years ago that I was trying to learn from Cristiano Ronaldo as much as I could," Milik said Wednesday through an interpreter. "Players like that you need to follow and take some inspiration from. He's an example of hard work. It's not just talent, you need to work hard — he's a great example of that."

Milik insisted he wouldn't be star-struck at playing against the Real Madrid star on Thursday night as Portugal and Poland battle for a spot in the Euro 2016 semifinals.

"It's great that there's a chance for us to meet on the football pitch," he said. "But of course I will try to focus on me and my team and not look up at him." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Pace first LPGA player to pull out of Rio due to Zika

Lee-Anne Pace of South Africa has withdrawn her name from consideration for her nation's Olympic team out of concern about the Zika virus.

Pace, ranked No. 38th in the world, is the first player on the LPGA tour to cite Zika for sitting out of the Rio Games.

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Phelps onto fifth Games

Michael Phelps is heading back to the Olympics.

Phelps, the most decorated athlete in Olympic history, won the 200-metre butterfly at the U.S. swimming trials Wednesday night in Omaha, Neb.

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- 1 minced shallot
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
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- 1/4 cup apple cider
- 1/4 cup low-sodium chicken broth

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425 F. Generously season chicken with salt and pepper.

2. Add oil to a large oven-safe skillet over medium heat. Add chicken and cook for 10 minutes

3. Transfer the skillet to the oven. Roast until chicken is cooked through, about 6-8 minutes.

4. Transfer chicken to a platter. Return skillet to medium heat and add shallots and garlic; cook for about 1 minute. Whisk in Dijon mustard, apple cider, broth and a bit more salt and pepper; cook for about 3 minutes. Return chicken to skillet along with juices that have settled on the platter to rewarm. Serve with our favourite sides.

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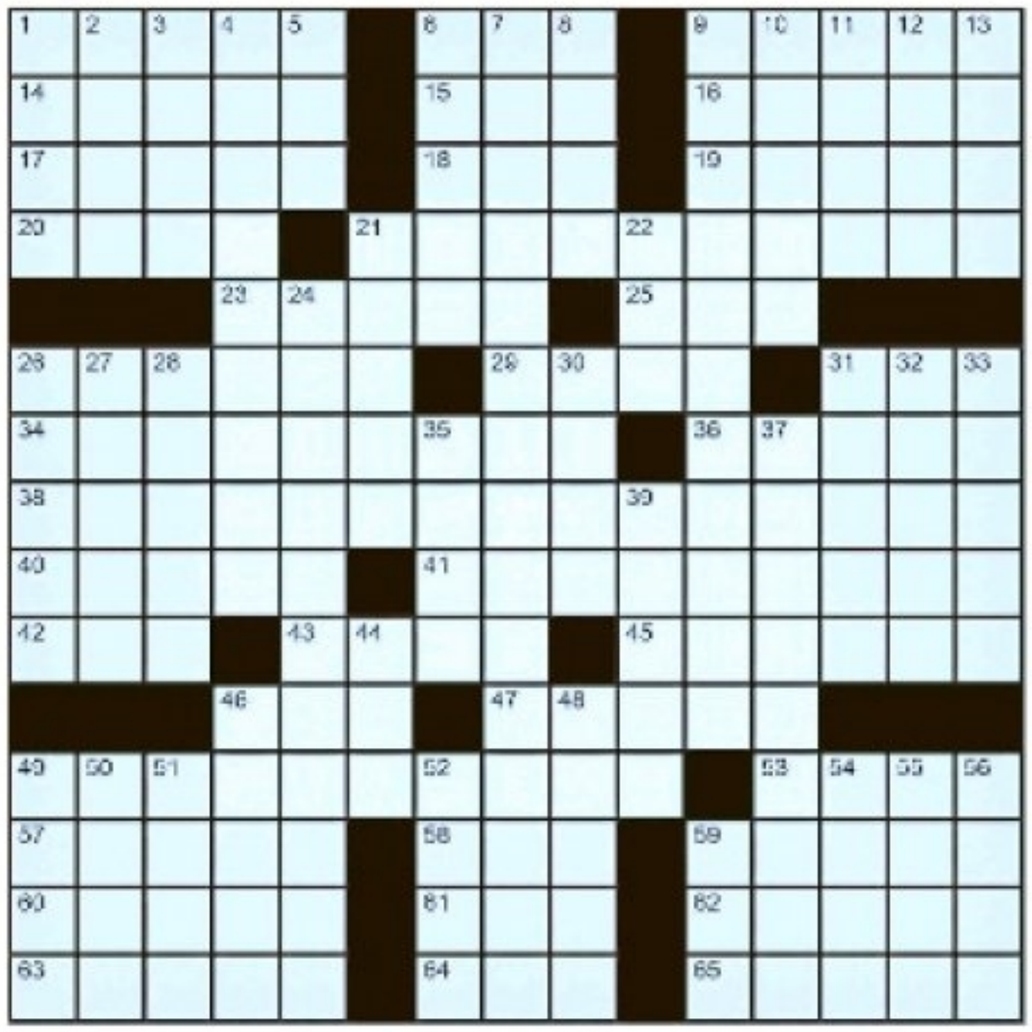

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16. Beach dance/game
17. Sea nymph
18. 1979 New Wave hit "Cars" singer ...his initials-sharers
19. Stave off
20. 'And', e.g.
21. Collectively cooperative
23. Coeur d'_ (City in #14-Across)
25. Auction ware
26. Driver's 'green' ride
29. Ms. Moreno
31. Swab-of-saliva scientific stuff
34. American comedy star who co-starred with Canadian comedy star Leslie Nielsen in "The Reluctant Astronaut" (1967): 2 wds.
36. 'Exped' ender (Explorer's excursion)
38. Looming presence in "The Shallows" (2016) starring Blake Lively: 3 wds.
40. Perspective
41. Worked up
42. Shag rug
43. Eternal City
45. Bed, upon rising
46. Toy-made dessert, _-Cone
47. Like some marsh-growing plants
49. Charlottetown, 'The _ of Confederation'
53. Dog in Beetle Bailey
57. Gaming legend
58. Vancouver International Airport's code
59. Bow and _
60. Rose's one-of-some
61. Romanian currency
62. Helmet protectee
63. Fishing net
64. Ambulance destinations, commonly
65. Stability providers at sea

DOWN
1. 'D' of CD
2. Prefix to 'syncrasy' (Mannerism)
3. Mountain lake
4. Thriller, "The Day of _ _" (1973)
5. Poet's 'far'
6. FOX News anchor Ms. Kelly
7. Package of prechopped vegetables for the home cook, _ _-_
8. Recede
9. Patriotic action across Canada on July 1st: 2 wds.
10. Rosie's WWII prop
11. "How _ _ Your Mother"
12. Hillside dugout shelter
13. US campus mil. program
21. Goat-antelope of Japan
22. Informer, to criminals
24. 1937 Lucy Maud Montgomery novel, Jane of _ _
26. Artist Mr. Degas
27. Hokey
28. Big lake of Russia
30. 1958: "To Know Him _ _ Love Him" by The Teddy Bears
31. Huntress of Roman myth
32. U.S.-Canadian airspace protection org.
33. Common sports injury site
35. Not us
37. Radiohead lead singer: 2 wds.
39. Chopin musical piece
44. Alley _ (Classic comic strip)
46. Summery hat material
48. Beiges
49. Gig for New Testament preacher John, briefly
50. Old Roman road
51. _-_-tat-tat
52. Country singer Mr. Lovett
54. Loyal
55. Cost
56. Graduation cap birds
59. Call upon

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Today starts out with financial promise and good feelings at work. However, issues at home and with family members will be intense and emotional. Caution.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You're in a good mood this morning, because the Moon is in your sign dancing with lucky Jupiter. Just remember to keep things mellow, especially when talking to siblings and relatives. (People are demanding.)

Gemini May 22 - June 21
On the whole, this is a feel-good day when dealing with others. However, disputes about money and possessions might arise, especially if jealousy is in the picture.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Relations with others, especially romantic relationships, will be passionate and intense today. Some of you will fall in love with someone because it's simply irresistible. (Cary Grant, where are you?)

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You make a great impression on bosses and authority figures today. Do not let something brewing behind the scenes mar your good judgment.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you can travel today, you will enjoy doing so. Meanwhile, relationships with a friend might feel super-important today. Take it easy; this is a passing thing.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Be diplomatic talking to parents, bosses and the police today, because issues seem to be do or die — very important. Don't let your passions make you forget your main objective.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Be cooperative with others today because the Moon is opposite your sign; you have no choice. It would be wise to avoid controversial subjects.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Disputes about shared property, inheritances and anything you own jointly with others will be intense today. Likewise, any romantic involvement will be intense! (That's putting it mildly.)

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Obscure conflicts might arise today between you and your partner or close friend. Be careful not to let hidden resentments flare up and ruin a good relationship.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
A work-related romance or crush might begin for some of you today. If so, this new relationship will be compulsive in nature. Oh yeah.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
This is a hot and heavy day for romantic partners. However, creative, artistic people will feel just as passionate about whatever it is they're doing.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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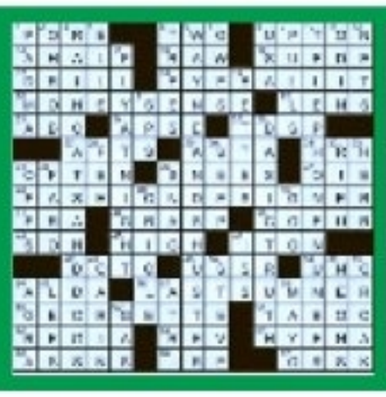

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PRAYER IS THE MASTER KEY

Prayer, besides being an act of worship, also entails communicating with God, who does not only listen but answers everybody's prayer except those of sinners. As a master key is vital in the opening of every door, the same way prayer is important in our lives. That is why you must not stop praying even as the bible says, "Pray without ceasing" *(1Thessalonian 5:17)*. Though the wonders of prayer cannot be overemphasized, but it is important that you confess your sins before making your requests known to God.

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